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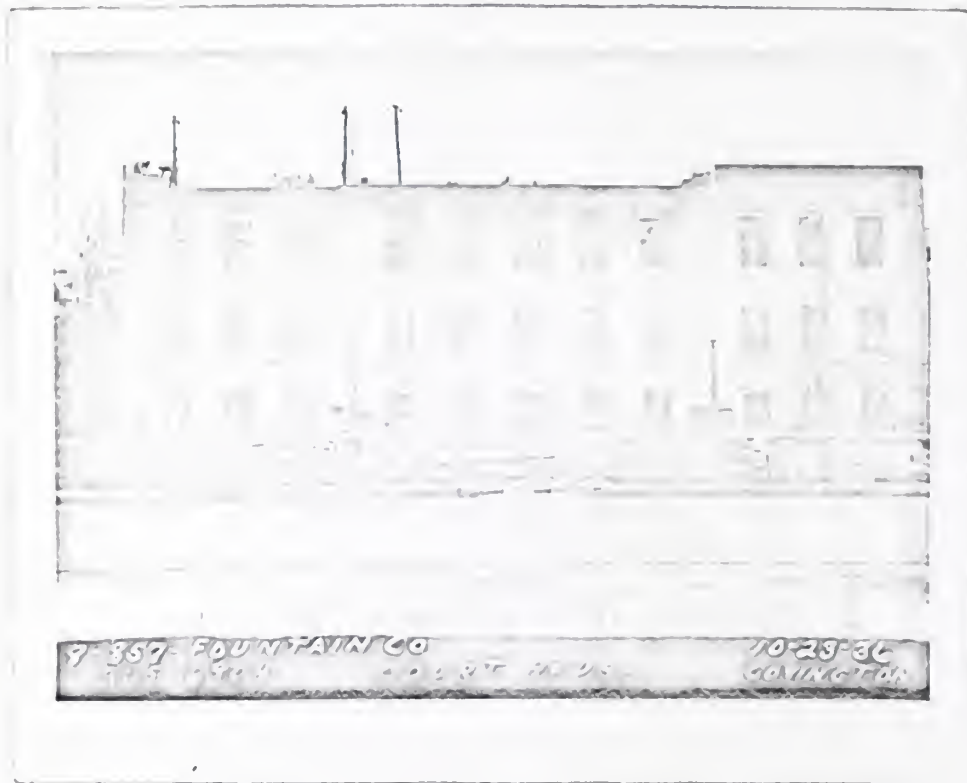
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This inventory of Fountain County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana. It has been prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, operating as a separate project under the Works Progress Administration.

The survey of state and local historical records in Indiana was instituted on February 19, 1936, as part of a nation-wide undertaking under the supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans. Samuel A. Kagan, state archivist of the Indiana History and Archives Division of the State Library was assigned to lead the project as State Director. In the beginning the Survey was closely associated with the Writers' Project. On September 23, 1936, the Historical Records Survey was nominally as well as factually made independent of the Writers' Project. In general, it has from its very inception acted as a separate and independent unit of Federal Project No. 1.

The aim and purpose of the survey of county records in Indiana have been to furnish the officials of the local, state, and national governments, students of history, lawyers and genealogists, and the general citizenry interested in the county records, with a convenient tool for use in consulting them. It is the object of the Survey to make the valuable source materials that are to be found in the Indiana courthouses and other public buildings, available and more accessible to those who may be in need of them. It is our hope that the information contained in this inventory will arouse greater interest in state and local historical records

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and will encourage officials to continue the improvement of methods for the preservation and safekeeping of these records.

The field work of the survey of Fountain County was begun on August 15, 1937, under the district supervision of John Gourley, of LaFayette. The field workers were Julian Jackson, of LaFayette and Elmer Largin, of Flora. It was completed on November 10, 1937. Many visits, however, have since been made to the county courthouse to check and recheck the information contained herein, the final recheck having been made in November 1937.

There are ninety-two counties in Indiana. When the survey of county archives is completed a separate volume is to be devoted to each county inventory in the state. Fountain County is No. 23.

The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts and events forming the background and basis of the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; major administrative offices; judicial offices; and financial, educational, health, engineering, and other groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under separate headings are made within the bureau, and the entries are arranged thereunder also according to their functional sequence. A full and extensive index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with a minimum of inconvenience and effort.

The editing of this inventory has been conducted by an

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editorial staff of some forty men and women, whose labors we deeply appreciate and wish to recognize forthwith, captained by Harry A. Rider, editor; John R. Milligan in charge of accession and classifying; Louis Nation in charge of checking; Canis E. Brockway in charge of condensing; Julius Salman, legal adviser; and Howard C. Underwood, historical research editor.

The original survey was made in the field under the direction of the State Director and carefully checked and compiled in the form of this inventory in the State Office. Of the industrious and painstaking devotion to his task of each and every person who had a part in the survey we are keenly aware, and we regret that we cannot commend by name the services of all who have contributed to the publication of this volume.

The survey is indebted to county officials; to the State Works Progress Administration; to Kenneth E. Lancet, Acting Director of Women's and Professional Projects, who has rendered the survey a great personal service in the administering of the project; and to Dr. Christopher B. Coleman, who has taken personal initiative and interest in behalf of the survey in giving technical advice to the project.

S. J. Kagan, State Director

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FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Historical Records Survey, a project of the Works Progress Administration, is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and state historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel J. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete the preliminary field work of a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment.

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An advisory committee has helped guide the work of the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officials who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officials who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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PART A. FOUNTAIN COUNTY AND ITS RECORDS SYSTEM

1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

Fountain County, situated in the western part of the state, is bounded on the north by Warren County, on the east by Tippecanoe and Montgomery Counties, on the south by Clarke County, and on the west by Vermillion County. It has an area of 395 square miles.

The topography of Fountain County presents varied features. Along the Wabash River, which marks the northern and western boundary of the county, are rich bottom lands, and further back are bluffs and uplands characteristic of the Wabash Valley. Adjoining these are found broad table-lands, with a more or less rolling surface. The principal stream in the county is Coal Creek, flowing generally in a southwesterly direction. Shawnee Creek - further north - cuts across the county and empties into the Wabash.

The history of the white man in America began when the English landed and settled at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec a year later, and began a series of explorations to the west and south that finally took LaSalle to the mouth of the Mississippi River. On April 9, 1682, he claimed the entire river valley in the name of France, calling it Louisiana after his King. In Indiana, French trading posts had been established on the present sites of Fort Wayne, Lafayette, and Vincennes by 1733. The English were pushing into the Ohio Valley, and the

economic rivalry that developed between the British and the French brought on the French and Indian War. By the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1783, the French ceded Louisiana to Great Britain. Shortly after the outbreak of the American Revolution, General George Rogers Clark defeated the British at Kaskaskia and Vincennes and Louisiana fell into the hands of Virginia. In 1784, Virginia ceded this vast empire to the United States Government, and three years later the Ordinance providing for the establishment of Northwest Territory was passed by Congress. Knox County, composed of Indiana and parts of Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin, was created in 1790. Indiana Territory was established in 1800, and in 1816, Indiana was admitted into the Union as a state.

The area that lies within the limits of Fountain County at one time was claimed by the Indians belonging to the Miami Confederacy: the Twightwee, Weas, Piankashaws, and Shockeys. By the Treaty of St. Marys, October 2-6, 1818, most of the central part of the state lying south of the Wabash River was ceded to the United States Government and opened for white settlement. This great stretch of land was called the New Purchase and from it about two dozen counties were carved.

The first white man to live within the boundaries of Fountain County was Peter Weaver. He came to the county in the fall of 1822 from Wayne County, near Richmond, and spent that winter on the Burnette Indian Reservation, a portion of which was situated in Fountain County. However, he later moved into Tippecanoe

County, becoming the first permanent settler within that region. The first permanent settler in Fountain County was a man named Forbes, who came in the early spring of 1823 and built a cabin on Graham Creek in Wabash Township. The Graham family moved into the neighborhood a little later. The north fork of Coal Creek was the scene of another early settlement. That same spring, Jonathan Birch and John Calvert came to this part of the county. William Cochran and Thomas Patten - located further down the same stream - raised a crop that season, probably the first in the county. The first land entry was made in 1820 by Edmond Wade.

Fountain County was formed by an act of the General Assembly approved December 30, 1825, out of Montgomery County and territory attached to Parke County. The legal boundaries of the new county were described as follows: "Beginning where the line dividing townships seventeen and eighteen crosses the channel of the Wabash river; thence east to the line running through the centre of range six, west of the second principal meridian; thence north to where the said line strikes the main channel of the Wabash river; thence running down with the meanderings of said river, to the place of beginning." (1)

Complete and reliable information concerning the first county election is unavailable due to the destruction of all election records prior to 1847. However, it is certain that Lucas Nebeker and Evan Hinton were the first associate judges of the circuit court, and that Absalom Mendenhall, James Miller, David Rawles, Thomas Gillam, and Thomas Clawson constituted the

board of justices, which at that time had the powers and duties of the county commissioners. William B. White was elected clerk and recorder, but his election was contested and the office was declared vacant. Daniel Rodgers was appointed by the governor to fill this post. The first sheriff of the county was probably Isaac Colman.

The first meeting of the board of justices was held on July 14, 1826, at the home of Robert Hatfield. Absalom Mendenhall was chosen president of the board and the evidence in the contested election of William B. White was heard. The next meeting of the board was held at the home of Isaac N. Spinning on August 24, and Daniel Vandeventer was appointed county agent and James Prevo, treasurer. The county was divided into five townships; at present there are eleven townships in Fountain County: Cain, Davis, Fulton, Jackson, Logan, Mill Creek, Richland, Shawnee, Troy, Van Buren, and Wabash.

The act forming the county appointed five commissioners to meet at the home of William White on the first Monday in May to select a seat of government. They chose the present site of Covington, on the Wabash River. The county was named in honor of Major James Fontaine of Kentucky.

The Fountain Circuit Court met for the first time on July 14, 1826, at the home of Robert Hatfield, near where Strader's Station was afterward located. The first regular term of court was held in September, 1826, in the same house. John R. Porter was presiding judge of the circuit.

The first courthouse in the county was built in 1827. It was a frame building, two stories high, and 20 by 26 feet in size. A clerk's office was erected on a lot belonging to that official at a cost of forty dollars. Plans and specifications for the second courthouse were adopted in November, 1830. The building was constructed of brick upon a stone foundation. This courthouse was not completed until 1833. Another building, 25 by 38 feet in size, was erected on the public square in 1842 to house the clerk, recorder, and auditor. In January, 1860, the third courthouse was completed, and that same month caught fire and was partially destroyed. It was rebuilt and ready for occupancy the next January.

The population of Fountain County has decreased steadily since 1900 when the census showed 21,446 persons living in the county. In 1930, the population was 17,971; of this number 218 were foreign born whites and four were Negroes. The incorporated cities and towns in the county - Hillsboro, Wallace, Attica, Kingman, Mellott, Newtown, Covington, and Veedersburg - have, on the whole, not changed much in population.

Agriculture is the most important industry in the county, and the sale of livestock furnishes the largest source of income. The principal grain crops are corn, wheat, oats, rye, barley, and soy beans. The raising of poultry for the Chicago market is an important part of the agricultural economy of the county, and dairy farming is on the increase.

The largest manufacturing plant in the county is located in

Attica. It produces steel castings and normally employs about 350 workers. Paving and building brick and tile manufacturing plants are located in Veedersburg and Attica. Tomato canning provides seasonal labor for the people of Attica and Covington. A few coal mines are in operation in the southwest section of the county.

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2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

Fountain County, with its county seat at Covington, is a subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative, judicial, and political purposes. It is a creature of the general assembly and possesses only such powers of local government as are conferred by acts of the general assembly or are incident and necessary to carry out the provisions thereof. Created by the state, the county is subject to legislative control at any time and its powers may be amplified or diminished without its consent.

Fountain County was organized by an act of the general assembly, effective April 1, 1826. 1/ The present government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original Constitution of 1816, the present Constitution adopted in 1851 and as since amended, and more than a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American Colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which recognized the counties already established, and provided for courts and administrative officers, as follows: General court of quarter sessions of the peace, county court of common pleas, 2/ and court of probate, 3/ commissioners, 4/ sheriff, 5/ coroner, 6/ recorder, 7/ treasurer, 8/ and circuit court. 9/ These officers were appointed by either the Governor or the general court of quarter sessions.

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The laws of Indiana Territory provided for additional offices; Surveyor, established in 1802; 10/ assessor, established in 1805, 11/ abolished in 1811; 12/ prosecuting attorney, established in 1810; 13/ and county agent, established in 1813 to convey and receive conveyances of public lands. 14/ In 1803 a new county tax levy law repealed the act of 1795 providing for the appointment of commissioners and their powers devolved upon the court of quarter sessions. 15/ In 1805 the court of quarter sessions was abolished and its duties transferred to the court of common pleas. 16/ An act of December 31, 1813, abolished the court of common pleas and the old circuit court, and transferred all matters in its jurisdiction to the new circuit court, consisting of a president judge and, from the county, three associate judges, 17/ and the associate judges were authorized to transact all county business. 18/ In 1804 the office of treasurer was abolished and his duties transferred to the sheriff. 19/ It was reestablished in 1811 20/ and again abolished in 1813 and the sheriff acted as the treasurer. 21/

In the year 1816, Indiana was admitted to the Union and the constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of a clerk of the circuit court, 22/ recorder, 23/ sheriff, and coroner. 24/ All territorial laws, not inconsistent with the constitution, continued in force until they expired or were repealed. 25/

The general assembly, in 1817, established the board of commissioners, to transact county business, consisting of three

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members, elected by the voters of the county; 26/ provided for a treasurer, appointed by the board of commissioners; 27/ and in 1818 a surveyor, appointed and commissioned by the Governor of the state. 28/

In 1824, the board of commissioners was abolished, and its functions conferred upon the justices of the peace of the county, who constituted the board for doing county business, 29/ until the board of commissioners was reestablished in 1831. 30/

Upon its organization in 1826, the government of Fountain County followed the form outlined above. In 1831 the general assembly made the surveyor an appointee of the board of commissioners, 31/ and established the offices of prosecuting attorney 32/ and school commissioner, the latter a financial agent in control of school lands and funds. 33/ Further increases in the number of county agencies were made in 1841 with the addition of auditor, 34/ assessor, 35/ appraiser, 36/ and a board of review, composed of the board of commissioners, auditor, and assessor, to review tax assessments. 37/ Also in 1841, the treasurer became an elective officer. 38/ This system remained the administrative system of Fountain County until the Constitution of 1851.

As the state grew, there was much dissatisfaction with the Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1850, when a constitutional convention was called which framed a new constitution. 39/ This constitution was submitted to the qualified voters of the state and adopted in 1851,

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proclaimed by the Governor to be effective on November 1, 1851, and with amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana. 40/

The first session of the general assembly after the adoption of the new constitution enacted a general code known as the Revised Statutes of 1852, and with certain exceptions, 41/ repealed all previous laws, thereby abolishing the assessor and school commissioner, substituting the appraiser for the assessor in the board of review, and dividing the duties of the school commissioner between the auditor and the treasurer. 42/

Each county is a political subdivision of the state and has an individual governmental organization. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, 43/ and the general outline of the organization of county government remains the same, the general assembly has provided the necessary variations to take care of local needs and conditions in the several counties. These variations lie chiefly in the number of officers and courts provided for counties within classifications based upon population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be governed by the same number of officers. Each county has the constitutional officers, but the statutory officers vary in number, powers, and duties. The latter officers may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others are authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include only one county.

Indiana stands alone among the states of the Union in having

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a dual system of county governing boards, 44/ since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899. 45/ Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinction, are enumerated in their proper places below.

From the beginning of the present century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of state authorities has taken from county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In older fields of finance, roads, and education, the state's supervision has greatly increased, and the creation of newer state departments such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy removal of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration of Fountain County

The Constitution of 1851 reorganized the governmental structure, enlarging the number of constitutional officers to be elected by the people of the county, as follows: 46/

Clerk of the circuit court, who keeps all the records of the proceedings and business of the circuit court, serves ex officio as registration officer and member of the county election boards, and also performs certain duties of administrative character.

Recorder, who makes and preserves a public record of all legal documents, both official and private, as may be prescribed by law.

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Sheriff, who is conservator of the peace, serves summons, and executes orders of the circuit court and county boards.

Coroner, who holds inquests in all cases of death by violence or accident or of suspicious circumstances.

Treasurer, who receives and disburses all county moneys including the maintenance of drainage systems. 47/

The constitution empowers the general assembly to provide for the election or appointment of such other officers as may become necessary, 48/ and to confer on boards doing county business powers of a local, administrative character. 49/ Under this authority the general assembly has from time to time established the following statutory officers and boards:

Board of commissioners, the leading governing body of the county, often called the "county board", reestablished in 1852. It consists of three members elected for terms of three years. The board furnishes and maintains county buildings and grounds, administers the financial transactions of the county, and is responsible for the maintenance of county highways. 50/

County council, another governing body created in 1899 51/ to control the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members, elected for terms of four years. The council has power to fix the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where the rate is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county, and to adopt the county budget, the exclusive right to make appropriations from

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the county treasury, and the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money and the issuing of bonds. 52/

Superintendent of schools, 1873, 53/ who has general superintendence of all schools of the county outside of incorporated cities and towns. 54/ Elected by the township trustees, 55/ he is ex officio a member and president of the county board of education. 56/

Board of education, 1873, 57/ consisting, since an amendment of 1877, of the superintendent of schools, township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The board is charged with the maintenance of the schools and school property, and purchases school supplies. 58/

Health commissioner, in 1909, appointed by the board of commissioners to enforce the health laws. 59/

Assessor, in 1891, 60/ who oversees the assessment of real and personal property, 61/ and appraises estates for inheritance taxes. 62/ He is elected by the voters of the county, 63/ and is ex officio a member and president of the board of review. 64/

Board of review, in 1891, whose members are the assessor, auditor, and treasurer, 65/ and, by an amendment of 1919, two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. 66/ This board equalizes tax assessments as between townships or other taxing units and between individual property owners. 67/

Board of finance, in 1907, consisting of the board of

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commissioners, with the auditor as secretary, 68/ This board has the custody of county funds and selects the depositories. 69/

Agricultural agent, in 1913, who under the supervision of Purdue University, conducts farmers' institutes and other movements for the advancement of agriculture and country life. He is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of the state board known as the county agricultural agent board. 70/

Highway supervisor, in 1933, who supervises, under the direction of the board of commissioners, the repair and maintenance of all county highways. The board of commissioners makes the appointment and may appoint the surveyor as highway supervisor. 71/ The board of commissioners of Fountain County has appointed an extra officer as highway supervisor.

Board of tax adjustment, 1932, consisting of seven members 72/ who, by an amendment of 1937, are: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the largest city in the county or any public official of any city in the county, appointed by the mayor of the largest city of the county; one member of the county board of education, selected by such board; and four freeholders appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board examines the tax levy and the corresponding items of the budget, and adjusts the tax rate so that it shall not exceed, in any municipal corporation the total tax rate prescribed by law. 73/

School fund board, in 1936, consisting of three members--the

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auditor and the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The board approves all loans from the common schools and the congressional township school funds. 74/

Department of public welfare, in 1936, 75/ comprising the board of public welfare, consisting of five members appointed by the judge of the circuit court, and the director of public welfare, appointed by the board. 76/ The department administers the provisions and benefits of the public welfare act. 77/

Registration officer, in 1933, who is clerk of the circuit court ex officio. He conducts the registration of voters. 78/

Board of election commissioners, in 1889, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him, of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for general elections. 79/

Board of canvassers, in 1905, consisting of the election commissioners. 80/ The board canvasses, tabulates, and compiles the election returns of the county 81/ and certifies the candidates elected. 82/

Board of primary election commissioners, in 1915, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two persons appointed by him of opposite political parties. The board prepares, prints, and distributes ballots for primary elections. 83/

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Judicial

The judicial system of Fountain County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the constitution and subsequent acts of the general assembly. The constitution authorized and directed that the state be divided into judicial circuits. 84/ Fountain County constitutes the sixty-first circuit, established in 1913. 85/ Previously, it was part of judicial circuit to which adjoining counties were attached. The constitution further provides for the election of a judge 86/ and a prosecuting attorney for the circuit, 87/ and a clerk of the circuit court. 88/ The Fountain Circuit Court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all cases, criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile, except where exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace, and such appellate jurisdiction as is conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred by law upon some other court or office. 89/

Records System

The records of Fountain County began with its creation in 1826. The establishment of each of the county offices and bureaus inaugurated their records which were kept in such fashion as the incumbents saw fit, following in the main the directions of the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office.

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In 1909, the general assembly established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. 90/ Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The board also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of commissioners, except that a good quality is required. .

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office, it is the duty of the board of commissioners to issue an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records. 91/

In event of the loss or destruction, in whole or in part, of any of the county records, the board of commissioners shall send a certified list of such records furnished by the state to the Governor, who shall replace them and such records compiled in the county shall be restored, if possible, from original documents by the proper officer. If impossible, new records shall be made by evidence taken from parties having knowledge of the facts concerned, by either the proper officer or a commissioner appointed by the board of commissioners for that purpose. 92/

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the archives division of the

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state library for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. 93/

This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer in use and in spite of lack of storage space, anticipating a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

The recorder and other county officers, by an act of 1927, are authorized to record deeds, mortgages, and other instruments by any approved photographic process adopted by the board of commissioners. 94/

In 1937, the general assembly authorized the director of the state library, at his discretion, to make a copy, by photography or in any other way, of any official book, record, document, original paper, newspaper, or printed book or material in any county, city, or other public office, for preservation in the state archives. All public officials must permit copies to be made of the books, records, documents, and papers in their respective offices. 95/

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Floor plans of first floor to appear here.

HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

The Fountain County courthouse was built in 1936, following the rather severe modern style of architecture. Constructed of steel and brick faced with Bedford Limestone, it is 115' in length and 88' in width. The construction throughout is such as to make the building as nearly fireproof as possible: all flooring is marble or tile; all walls and ceilings are plastered over metal laths. The offices of the superintendent of schools, the department of public welfare, and the agricultural agent are located on the ground floor; the offices of the recorder, the treasurer, and the auditor, on the first floor; and the offices of the clerk, the sheriff, and the prosecuting attorney, on the second floor. In the basement is a storage room for records. All the offices are well lighted and well ventilated, and all provide users of the records with satisfactory accommodations.

Board of Commissioners

One per cent of the records of the board of commissioners is in the auditor's office and 99% in the treasurer's and auditor's record room.

County Council

Fifty per cent of the records of the county council are in the auditor's office and 50% in the treasurer's and auditor's record room.

Floor plans of second floor to appear here.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

The clerk's office and record room are 21' by 18' by 12' and 26' by 18' by 15' respectively. In the office are 80' of shelving, part of which is occupied by 3' of volumes and 30' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep, comprising 20% of the clerk's records and a small portion of the records of the circuit court. The record room houses, on 1169' of steel shelving, 169' of volumes and 975' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep. These comprise 55% of the clerk's records; portions of the records of the circuit court, the coroner, and the registration officer; and all the records of the board of primary election commissioners and the board of election commissioners. The other 25% of the clerk's records are in the storage room.

Recorder

The recorder's office is 24' by 18' by 10', and his record room adjoining is 30' by 20' by 9'. On 6' of shelving in the office are 2' of volumes; in the record room, on 111' of shelving, are 65½ of volumes. Two per cent of the recorder's records are in his office, and 65% in his record room.

Sheriff

The sheriff's office, on the second floor, is 20' by 14' by 10'. In this office are 2' of volumes and 10' of unbound

Floor plans of basement to appear here.

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records--45% of the sheriff's records. The present shelving is adequate for the housing of these. Fifty-five per cent of the sheriff's records are in the storage room.

Coroner

The coroner's office is located at present in the office of the incumbent, Dr. C. C. Crumley, in the Crumley & Son Funeral Home, Covington. Only one volume of the coroner's records is kept here. The remainder--80% of the whole--are in the clerk's record room.

Prosecuting Attorney

The private office of the prosecuting attorney is located in the courthouse at the southwest corner of the second floor. In this room, which is 12' by 12' by 12', is housed one volume, the only public record kept by the prosecuting attorney.

Assessor

All the assessor's records are in the treasurer's and auditor's record room.

Board of Review

All the records of the board of review are in the treasurer's and auditor's record room.

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Board of Finance

All the records of the board of finance are in the treasurer's and auditor's record room.

School Fund Board

All the records of the school fund board are in the treasurer's and auditor's record room.

Treasurer

An office, at the northeast corner of the first floor, is occupied by the treasurer. Measuring 36' by 33' by 10', it houses 15' of volumes, which wholly occupy the present shelving. This does not constitute a problem, however, as older records are transferred annually to the storage room. Seven per cent of the treasurer's records are housed here.

Twelve per cent of the records are in a record room used jointly by the treasurer and the auditor. This room, which lies on the north side of the first floor, is 30' by 21' by 10'. On steel shelving are 110' of volumes and 152' of unbound records; 140' of the unbound records are in file boxes 14" deep, and the remainder are loose on the shelves. Ample space for expansion of the records is available on this shelving. In addition to the treasurer's records, 77% of the auditor's records are housed here, together with records of the board of commissioners, the

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county council, the assessor, the board of review, the board of finance, the school fund board, and the registration officer.

Auditor

The auditor's office houses 8% of the records of that official. The office, whose dimensions are 33' by 27' by 10', contains 5' of volumes and 1 file box 24" deep of unbound records. Records of the board of commissioners and the county council likewise are kept here. Seventy-seven per cent of the auditor's records are in the treasurer's and auditor's record room (described above), and 15% in the storage room.

Registration Officer

Fifty-five per cent of the records of the registration officer are in the clerk's record room, 1% in the treasurer's and auditor's record room, and 44% in the storage room.

Board of Primary Election Commissioners

All the records of the board of primary election commissioners are in the clerk's record room.

Board of Election Commissioners

All the records of the board of election commissioners are in the clerk's record room.

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Board of Education

All the records of the board of education are in the private office of the superintendent of schools.

Superintendent of Schools

The superintendent of schools occupies a main and a private office at the southeast corner of the ground floor. The main office, 20' by 14' by 9', houses 2' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep. The private office, which is 18' by 10' by 9', contains 1 bound volume and 5' of unbound records in file boxes 12" and 24" deep. In both rooms the equipment is adequate for the housing of present and future records. The main office houses 6% of the superintendent's records; the private office, 47%, and all the records of the board of education. Forty-seven per cent of the superintendent's records are in the storage room.

Health Commissioner

The health commissioner's office is located at present in the professional office of the incumbent, Dr. W. V. Stanfield, on the second floor of the Yocum and Allen Building, Attica. All the health commissioner's records--2' of volumes--are kept here. In general, housing conditions are satisfactory.

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Department of Public Welfare

The office of the department of public welfare is located in the courthouse, on the west side of the ground floor. It is 20' by 12' by 9'; its shelving carries 11' of volumes and 2' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep. The private office adjoining, measuring 15' by 10' by 9' houses 11' of unbound records in file boxes 12" and 24" deep. No additional equipment is needed for expansion of the records in these rooms, each of which houses 50% of the records of the department.

Surveyor

A main and a private office are occupied by the surveyor and house all his records, together with those of the highway supervisor. The main office, 25' by 18' by 11', houses 2' of bound and 1' of unbound records; 18' of shelving are unoccupied. In the private office, 21' by 13' by 11', are 3' of unbound records in file boxes 30" deep; here 7' of shelving are available for expansion. All the records of the surveyor are in the main office. Records in the private office consist of a portion of the highway supervisor's records.

Highway Supervisor

Seventy-one per cent of the highway supervisor's records are in the surveyor's main office and 29% in the surveyor's private office.

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Agricultural Agent

The agricultural agent's office, on the ground floor, houses all his records. The office is 24' by 18' by 9'. A wooden filing cabinet contains 8' of unbound records. The present equipment is scarcely adequate for the proper housing of the records, but will soon be replaced.

Storage Room

A room in the basement of the courthouse is used for the storage of old records. Its dimensions are 27' by 17' by 8'; it has concrete walls, floor, and ceiling, and is well lighted. Its ventilation is rather poor. The storage room contains 25% of the clerk's records, 1% of the records of the circuit court, 55% of the sheriff's records, 81% of the treasurer's records, 15% of the auditor's records, 44% of the registration officer's records, and 47% of the records of the superintendent of schools. Practically the total amount of shelving in the room is occupied by bound volumes, and no space can be obtained for additional shelving which would be readily accessible. However, a large room--66' by 34'--adjoining, will be used when the present room is completely filled, and it is estimated that, with proper shelving, this room will house satisfactorily the obsolete records for as many years as the courthouse will be in use.

4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Acts	<u>[Sessions]</u> Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, Acts).
agr. agt.	agricultural agent, agricultural agent's
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
arr.	arranged
art.	article
assr.	assessor, assessor's
aud.	auditor, auditor's
Baldwin	BALDWIN, WILLIAM EDWARD, editor. <u>Baldwin's Indiana Statutes Annotated 1934, complete in one volume, containing all general laws to January 1, 1934 together with annotations from decisions of the supreme and appellate courts. (Cleveland, Ohio. Banks-Baldwin Law Publishing Co., [1934].)</u> With supplements May 1935 and May 1937. (The year is given in references only in citations to supplements. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series.)
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
bsmt.	basement
Burns	BURNS, HARRISON, editor. <u>Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1933. (12 vols. Indianapolis, Ind. The Bobbs- Lorrill Company, [1933, 1934, 1935, 1937].)</u> With supplement 1937 in pocket in cover of each volume. (The year is given in references only in citations to supplements. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.)

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c	copyright (before date)
C. C.	County Courthouse
ch.	chapter
chron.	chronological, chronologically
clk.	clerk, clerk's
Const.	Constitution of Indiana (refers to present constitution unless date follows)
hdw.	handwritten
hlth. comr.	health commissioner, health commissioner's
<u>ibid.</u>	ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana: Indiana Reports (when preceded by the volume number, reference is to the official state court reports).
Laws Ind. Terr.	Laws of Indiana Territory, The: 1801-1809.
Laws. N. W. Terr.	Laws of the Northwest Territory, The: 1788-1800.
mi.	mile
no., nos.	number, numbers
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
pros. atty.	prosecuting attorney, prosecuting attorneys
pt.	part
publi wfr.	public welfare
pvt.	private
rec.	record
recr.	recorder, recorder's
Rev. Laws	Revised Laws of Indiana
Rev. Stat.	Revised Statutes of Indiana

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rm.	room
sec.	section
shf.	sheriff, sheriff's
spc. sess.	special session
stat.	statutes
stg.	storage
suppl.	supplement
sur.	surveyor, surveyor's
supt.	superintendent, superintendent's
tr.	treasurer, treasurer's
twp.	township
U. S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
--	current
'	foot, feet
"	inch, inches (omitted after dimensions in entries)
x	by

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

Explanatory Notes

The inventory of the records of each bureau is preceded by an essay explaining its legal status and functions. As a comparative basis for the dates of the records, the inception date of each office may be taken as either the date of the organization of the county or, if the office was established later, the year of the act inaugurating it.

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Entries are grouped under an outline classification, using headings and subheadings according to relative functions. Every entry has two parts or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry may have a third (cross-reference) paragraph.

I. The title paragraph consists of:

Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively.

Exact title (in capitals and small capitals) as it appears on the record. Titles enclosed in brackets are supplied by The Historical Records Survey, if the volume or file bears no title. Supplementary titles (in capitals and lower-case letters), enclosed in brackets, are also supplied where it is necessary to explain the types of records more fully, or where the exact title borne by the record is incorrect or misleading.

Dates of the period covered by the record, showing inclusive beginning and ending dates by years only. In a divided year, the month and day are given unless unascertainable. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

Quantity.

Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one unit, marked 1, the marking is omitted; if otherwise marked, except by dates, marking is given. If the marking is inconsistent or confusing, the notation "labeling varies" or "numbering varies" follows the quantity.

Missing volumes.

Subtitles or variations in title.

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II. The description consists of:

A complete description of the record, the contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

Method of arrangement or indexing, if any.

Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

Condition. If good or excellent, it is omitted.

Number of pages averaged for a series.

Size, in the order of height, width, and depth, averaged for a series, is given in inches; hence the inch sign is omitted.

Location. The place of custody (the room in which the records are located) is given in the entry, and refers to the courthouse unless another building is specified.

III. Cross-references are made to other entries:

For records which have related functions.

For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

For records on which supplementary information may be found in other entries.

Whenever an entry contains more than one type of record, all the data are given in a master entry under the actual title or under a complete title, if supplied, with reference to subordinate entries for each part. The subordinate entries consist of title, dates, and description only.

PART B. COUNTY OFFICES AND THEIR RECORDS

1. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members 1/ elected for terms of three years. The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member is elected by the electorate of the entire county. 2/ Terms are so arranged that no two members take office in the same year. 3/

Fountain County has had a board for doing county business since 1826, the date of its organization. For the first five years it was composed of five justices of the peace under the authority of an act of 1824 which constituted a board of justices of the peace the board for doing county business 4/ and conferred upon it the powers and duties originally conferred upon the board of commissioners of the several counties by an act of 1817. 5/ An act of 1831 established the board of commissioners consisting of three elective members 6/ in its present form, and the revised statutes of 1852 confirmed it. 7/

The board is the administrative agency of the county and exercises all powers for the transaction of county business conferred by law. 8/ In 1899 the fiscal powers were vested exclusively in the county council, which was then created. 9/

The board of commissioners is a body corporate and politic by the name and style of "The Board of Commissioners of the County of Fountain", and as such, and in such name, may sue and be sued, possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations. 10/

Board of Commissioners

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Its meets in regular sessions beginning on the first Monday of every month 11/ and in special sessions called for specifically stated business by the auditor, its clerk ex officio, 12/ or, in case of death or disqualification, by the clerk of the circuit court or recorder, respectively. 13/ Any two members constitute a quorum to do business. 14/

Its principal functions are: Control of county property, allowance of claims against the county, auditing accounts of all officers handling county money, 15/ and exercise of the right of eminent domain. 16/ Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature: Letting of contracts for county buildings; 17/ purchase of materials and supplies; 18/ supervision of maintenance of roads, bridges, and culverts; 19/ preparation of the annual budget estimates; 20/ abolition or change of township or precinct boundary lines; 21/ establishment and maintenance of libraries 22/ and hospitals; 23/ authorization of payment of bounties; offering of rewards; 24/ and authorization of subscription to and preservation of public newspapers printed in the county. 25/

Besides its administrative functions, the board sits as a court in the trial of causes concerning county business. For the transaction of business it adopts its own regulations, but for court sessions it must comply, so far as practicable, with the rules for conducting business in the circuit court. 26/ Appeals from its decisions can be taken to the circuit court pursuant to statute. 27/

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors by an act of 1879, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of his district. The powers of the board were to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs, contract for labor materials, and enter upon lands to take gravel, giving certificates in payment. The board appointed its clerk, 28/ until an act of 1905 made the auditor ex officio the clerk. 29/ This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. 30/ This office was likewise abolished twenty years later. The supervision of highways became a duty of the surveyor, 31/ unless the commissioners appoint a highway supervisor. 32/

The auditor, as clerk of the board of commissioners, attends its meetings, keeps a record of the proceedings, and preserves all the books and papers touching the business of the county in his office. 33/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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 - 2/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-602; Baldwin 5216.
 - 3/ Acts 1885; Burns 26-604; Baldwin 5218.
 - 4/ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 15, secs. 1, 11, 16-17.
 - 5/ Acts 1817, ch. 15, sec. 1.
 - 6/ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 20, sec. 1.
 - 7/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 20, sec. 1.
 - 8/ Acts 1817, ch. 15, sec. 1. Const., art. 6, sec. 10. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 20, sec. 13.
 - 9/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-515; Baldwin 5365, 5379. Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532; Baldwin 5396.

Board of Commissioners--Proceedings and Reports

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- 10/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-606; Baldwin 5220.
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 Acts 1919; Burns 36-503; Baldwin 8861. Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl.,
 36-711; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 8861-1. Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl.,
 26-640; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5236-1.
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 18/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-535; Baldwin 5400. Acts 1899, 1903,
 1933; Burns 26-536; Baldwin 5401.
 19/ Acts 1919; Burns 36-301; Baldwin 8859.
 20/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-516, 26-519; Baldwin 5380, 5383.
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 22/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 41-501. Acts 1917, 1921, 1927;
 Burns 41-510; Baldwin 10321.
 23/ Acts 1903; Burns 22-3201; Baldwin 4507.
 24/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1875, 1883, 1889, 1911, Burns
 26-1101 to 26-1106; Baldwin 3802, 5288 to 5290, 5293, 5294.
 25/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-626; Baldwin 5285.
 26/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-617; Baldwin 5228.
 27/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-901; Baldwin 5277. Acts 1879
 (Spc. Sess.), 1885; Burns 26-620; Baldwin 5275.
 28/ Acts 1879 (Spc. Sess.), ch. 115, sec. 1.
 29/ Acts 1905, ch. 167, sec. 85.
 30/ Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.
 31/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101; Baldwin 8699.
 32/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.
 33/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611, 26-621, 49-3004; Baldwin
 5228, 5238, 5418.

Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1826--. 26 vols. (1-26).

Title varies: 1 vol., 1826-34, Board of Justice Record.

Record of board meetings, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, nature of business transacted, proceedings of board, disposition, and signatures of members. Indexed alph. by names of subjects. 1826-Jan. 7, 1834, hdw.; Jan. 8, 1834--, typed. 475 pp. 15 x 10 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

2. INDEX TO COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, not dated. 3 vols.

(1-2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Index to Commissioners' Record, showing date, names of members present, nature of subjects discussed, and volume and page of Commissioner's Record. Arr. by names of subjects, and thereunder chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

3. COMMISSIONERS' DOCKET, 1908-10. 1 vol. (5). 4 vols.,

prior to 1908, missing.

Record of proceedings in commissioners' court, showing date petition filed, case and order numbers, names of petitioners, remonstrators, and claimants; nature of petitions, and claims; proceedings of board; receipts and disbursements; and volume and page of Commissioners' Record. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

3-A. COMMISSIONERS' PAPERS, 1927--. 8 file boxes.

Commissioners' miscellaneous papers. Contains: Officer's Reports, entry 4; Petitions, entry 9; Bids, entry 10. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

4. OFFICER'S REPORTS, 1927--. In Commissioners' Papers, entry 3-A. Monthly report of fees collected, showing date and amount of fees collected, names of officer and payer, and purpose of payment.

Bond Issues

5. RECORD OF BONDS, BRIDGES, AND COUNTY UNIT ROADS, 1913--.

3 vols. (1, and 2 vols, not numbered). Title varies:

1 vol., 1913-30, Bond Record; 1 vol., 1936--, Record of Bonds, Courthouse.

Board of Commissioners--Bond Issues

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Record of bond issues, showing dates of issue, maturity, and redemption; numbers and amounts of bond issue and of coupon; purpose of issue; denomination; and rate of interest. Arr. alph. by purposes of issues. Hdw. 167 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

6. REGISTER OF BONDS AND COUPONS, 1923--. 5 vols.

Auditor's record of distribution of funds from bond issues for construction and maintenance of roads, showing date and amount disbursed; names of bond purchasers, road, and township; amount of coupon redeemed; and total amount of bond issue. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 15 x 20 x 1. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

7. CONSTRUCTION RECORD--BONDS AND COUPONS, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of bond issues for road and bridge construction, contractors' agreements, and bond issues, showing date and amount of bond issue, rate of interest, names of township, road or bridge, commissioners' and road viewers' expenses, attorney fees, and advertising costs; contractor's agreement, showing date, number and condition of contract; names of contractor, employees, and road or bridge; type of work to be performed; warrant number; and dates of starting and completion of work. Arr. by twps. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 16 x 3. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

8. BONDS AND COUPONS, 1925--. 4 file drawers.

Original redeemed bonds of county obligations, showing dates of issue, maturity, and redemption; amounts of bond and coupon; rate of interest payable; and purpose of issue. Arr. chron. 5 x 16 x 14. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

Board of Commissioners--Petitions

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Petitions

9. PETITIONS, 1927--. In Commissioners' Papers, entry 3A. Petitions presented to county commissioners for action, showing date filed, names of petitioners, nature of petition, description of project, and action taken.

Bids and Contracts

10. BIDS, 1927--. In Commissioners' Papers, entry 3A. Bids and indemnity bonds for county proposals, showing bid, date filed, names of bidder and sureties, nature and amount of bid, and specification for contract; bonds, showing dates and amounts of bond and contract, names of contractor and surety, type of project, and nature of work to be performed.

11. RECORD OF INSURANCE POLICIES, 1913-25. 1 vol. Record of insurance on county property, showing dates issued and expired, number and terms of policy, names and addresses of insurance company and agent, type and location of property, amounts of insurance and premium, and date of renewal. Arr. by types of properties. Hdw. 60 pp. 8 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

Claims and Allowances

12. CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1834--. 12 vols. (A,D,2-7, 3; and 3 vols. not numbered). 1861-70, 1903-6, 1911-15, missing. Title varies: 2 vols., 1834-61, Commissioners'

Order Book; 2 vols., 1870-82, 1907-10, Register of Allowance; 1 vol., 1882-94, Commissioners' Record; 1 vol., 1894-1902, Commissioners' Allowance Docket. Record of claims and allowances, showing dates and numbers of claim and warrant, nature and amounts of claim and allowance, and names of claimant and fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 15 x 10 x 2. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

13. CLAIMS, 1929--. 50 file boxes.

Original claims allowed by commissioners, showing dates of allowance and payment; number, nature, and amount of claim; and name of claimant. Arr. by claim nos., and thereunder chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

14. STATE TREASURER CLAIMS, 1928--. 3 file boxes.

State institutional claims for service rendered to patients admitted from Fountain County, showing date, number, nature, and amount of claim; and names of institution and patient. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

15. COMMISSIONERS' GRAVEL ROAD RECORD, 1884-1922. 1 vol.

(2). 1 vol., prior to 1884, missing.

Record of turnpike directors and commissioners' meetings regarding the financing and construction of gravel roads, showing date and place of meeting, names of commissioners present and proposed road, proceedings, action taken on petition, and amount of allowance to each district. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

Roads, Bridges, and Buildings

16. RECORD OF ROADS, 1826-75. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of actions on petitions for gravel roads, showing dates of petition and road viewers' report, names of petitioners and road, proceedings of court, and decision of commissioners. For index, see entry 17. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 1.

17. INDEX TO ROADS, 1826-73. 2 vols. (1-2).

Index to roads, showing date; term of board; beginning and termination of road by section, township, and range; names of viewers; and volume and page numbers of Record of Roads. Arr. chron. by terms of court. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

18. ITEMIZED ROAD AND BRIDGE RECORD, 1914-24. 1 vol.

Record of disbursements of funds, showing date and amount of contract; date, number, nature, and amount of warrant; names of contractor, road, bridge, and township; road district number; and type of road or bridge. Arr. by types, and thereunder by road district nos. and alph. by names of bridges. Hdw. 800 pp. 16 x 10 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

Maps

19. PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNTY BRIDGES, ROADS AND IMPROVEMENTS, 1914-22. 30 blueprints.

Plans and specifications for bridges, roads, and improvements,

showing date; type of bridge, road, and improvements; and estimate of cost. Blueprints. No scale given. 12 x 12. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

20. PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE FOUNTAIN COUNTY
COURTHOUSE, 1936. 15 blueprints.

Plans and specifications for courthouse, showing date of construction, and physical structure. Drawn by Johnson and Scholer. Blueprints. No scale given. 36 x 32. Aud. off.

II. COUNTY COUNCIL

In 1899 the legislature created "The Fountain County Council". 1/ This council consists of seven members who are elected for terms of four years and must be qualified voters and resident freeholders of the county. One member is elected from each of four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. 2/ The council elects its president from its membership, and the auditor serves as clerk. 3/ The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. 4/

The regular annual meeting of the council is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, imposing the tax levy, and making appropriations, and continues from day to day until its business is completed. Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members. 5/ All sessions must be public. 6/ Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority of all members, 7/ and extraordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances: A three-fourths vote to increase or insert an item in the budget estimates submitted by the county agencies through the auditor; 6/ a two-thirds vote of all members to make additional appropriations at special meetings. 9/

The power of fixing the tax rate for county purposes and for all purposes where it is not fixed by law and is required to be uniform throughout the county, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriation of money to be paid out of the county treasury. 10/ The council passes on all budget estimates

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submitted by county officials 11/ and makes emergency appropriations. 12/

The council has exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds. 13/ No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of \$1,000 or more can be made without authorization by the council. 14/

The auditor, as clerk of the council, keeps a journal of its proceedings, and also keeps and preserves in his office its files and papers. 15/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-501; Baldwin 5365.
 - 2/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-502, 26-504; Baldwin 5366, 5368. Acts 1907; Burns 26-505; Baldwin 5369.
 - 3/ Acts 1899, 1931; Burns 26-507; Baldwin 5371. Acts 1899; Burns 26-509; Baldwin 5373.
 - 4/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-510; Baldwin 5374.
 - 5/ Acts 1899; 1931; Burns 26-507; Baldwin 5371.
 - 6/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-508; Baldwin 5372.
 - 7/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-511; Baldwin 5375.
 - 8/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-520; Baldwin 5384.
 - 9/ Acts 1899, 1907, 1913, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-521; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5385.
 - 10/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-515, 26-520; Baldwin 5379, 5384.
 - 11/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-520; Baldwin 5384.
 - 12/ Acts 1899, 1907, 1913, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 26-521; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5385.
 - 13/ Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 26-532; Baldwin 5396.
 - 14/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-534; Baldwin 5399.
 - 15/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-509; Baldwin 5373.

21. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of proceedings of county council, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, and proceedings on ordinances, bond issues, and budgetary matters. No index. 1899-Feb. 1903, hdw.; Mar. 1903--., typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1899-1926, Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1927--., Aud. off.

22. TAX LEVIES, 1864--. 2 vols.

Record of the rates of tax levies, showing date, name of taxing unit, amount of levies on each type of tax, and total levies.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 140 pp. 8 x 12 x $\frac{3}{4}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

III. CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. No person is eligible to the office of clerk of the circuit court for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. 1/ The clerk is required to give bond in the amount fixed by the board of commissioners. 2/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of clerk of the circuit court was established, under the authority of the Constitution of 1816. 3/

The clerk of the circuit court is required to draw up a record of the proceedings of the court daily, 4/ to administer all oaths, 5/ and to receive payments for all judgments on record in his office. 6/

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves ex officio as registration officer for the county 7/ and as a member and clerk of the county election boards. 8/

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licenses; 9/ professional licenses, such as physicians', 10/ dentists', 11/ and optometrists'; 12/ hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses; 13/ and business licenses, such as poultry dealers' 14/ and junk dealers'. 15/ He approves, files, and keeps a record of the bonds of county and township officers, unless other provision is made by law, 16/ and of notaries; 17/ and registers the certificates of trained nurses. 18/

The clerk is required to preserve in his office all records and writings appertaining to his official duties, to indorse the time of

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filing of all papers, and in addition to these records, to keep all necessary judges', appearance, bar, judgment, and execution dockets; order and final record books; a complete record of all causes involving title to land including a lis pendens record, of all criminal causes for felony, and of all other cases upon request; 19/ a cash book; 20/ and a fee register. 21/ He records certificates of firms and partnerships doing business under any name, designation, or title other than the real names of their members. 22/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Const., art. 6, sec. 2. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2701; Baldwin 1427.
 - 2/ Acts 1875; Burns 49-2703, 49-2704; Baldwin 1430, 1431.
 - 3/ Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 8.
 - 4/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1885, 1933; Burns 4-324; Baldwin 1413.
 - 5/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2708; Baldwin 1435.
 - 6/ Acts 1875; Burns 49-2719; Baldwin 1438.
 - 7/ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304.
 - 8/ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377. Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7190. Acts 1899; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109.
 - 9/ Acts 1852; Burns 44-201; Baldwin 5622.
 - 10/ Acts 1897; Burns 63-1303; Baldwin 10705.
 - 11/ Acts 1913, 1931, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 63-504; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5589.
 - 12/ Acts 1907, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 63-1011; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13182.
 - 13/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 11-1403; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 8229-3.
 - 14/ Acts 1917, 1929, 1932 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 42-802; Baldwin 10486.
 - 15/ Acts 1905; Burns 42-703; Baldwin 10462.
 - 16/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-105; Baldwin 13063. Acts 1857; Burns 49-124; Baldwin 13077. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706; Baldwin 1433.
 - 17/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1855; Burns 49-3503; Baldwin 13016.
 - 18/ Acts 1905, 1913, 1931; Burns 63-903; Baldwin 13036.
 - 19/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706; Baldwin 1433. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-813, 2-3314; Baldwin 94, 524.
 - 20/ Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-2722; Baldwin 1442. Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-623; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-44.
 - 21/ Acts 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 49-2723; Baldwin 1446?
 - 22/ Acts 1909; Burns 50-201, 50-202; Baldwin 13210, 13211.

Official Bonds

County

23. OFFICIAL BOND RECORD, 1883--. 1 vol. (2). Vol. 1, prior to 1883, missing.

Record of surety bonds posted by county officials, showing date, number, amount, and condition of obligation of bond; and names of official, office, and sureties. Indexed alph. by names of officials. 1883-Nov. 1906, Dec. 27, 1920--, hdw.; Dec. 1907-Dec. 1919, typed. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

24. OFFICIAL BOND INDEX RECORD, 1899-1904. 1 vol.

Index to official bond records, showing date, number, amount, and nature of bond; names of sureties; and volume and page numbers of Official Bond Record. Arr. alph. by names of sureties. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Township

25. RECORD OF JUSTICE BONDS, 1878--. 1 vol.

Record of surety bonds posted by justices of peace, showing date, number, amount, and condition of obligation of bond; and names of justice and sureties. Indexed alph. by names of justices of peace. Hdw. 460 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 26.

26. CONSTABLES' BOND RECORD, 1863--. 1 vol.

Record of surety bonds posted by constables, showing date, number, amount, and condition of obligation of bond; and names of constable and sureties. Indexed alph. by names of constables. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Miscellaneous

27. NOTARIAL BOND RECORD, 1892--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of surety bonds posted by notaries public, showing date, number, amount, and condition of obligation of bond; names of notary public and surety; and clerk's certification. Indexed alph. by names of notaries public. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

28. BONDS, 1919--. 5 file boxes.

Miscellaneous bonds, including county officials', justices', constables', notaries', executors', administrators', and guardians', showing date, number, amount, and condition of obligations of bond; and names and signatures of principals and sureties. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

Licenses

Marriage

29. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1827--. 27 vols. (1-27). Title varies:

5 vols., Application for Marriage License.

Record of applications for marriage licenses and returns, showing date of application; names, ages, addresses, occupations, color, and prior marital status of bride and groom; date and place of marriage; names of party officiating and of parents; and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of brides and grooms. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

26 vols., 1827-1936, Clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1936--., Clk. off.

30. INDEX OF MARRIAGE RECORDS, 1826-73. 1 vol.

Index to marriage records, showing dates of license and ceremony, names of bride and groom, and volume and page numbers of Marriage Records. Arr. alph. by names of grooms. Hdw. Condition fair. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

31. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1935--. 1 file box.

Original affidavits and applications for marriage licenses, showing dates of affidavit and application; names, ages, addresses, occupations, color, and physical conditions of bride and groom; and names and address of parents. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

32. MARRIAGE APPLICATIONS, 1905-14. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of applications for marriage licenses and returns, showing date of application; names, addresses, occupations, ages, color, and physical conditions of bride and groom; and names and address of parents. Indexed alph. by names of grooms. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

33. MARRIAGE RETURNS, 1915--. 4 file boxes.

Original marriage returns, showing dates of certificate and ceremony; names of bride, groom, and witnesses; signature of party officiating; and date of return. 1915-30, no index; 1930--, arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

Professional

34. PHYSICIANS' LICENSE RECORD, 1887--. 3 vols. (1, and 2 vols. not numbered). 1916-17, missing.

Record of physicians' certificates of qualifications and licenses to practice medicine, showing dates of certificate and license; name, age, residence, and business location of physician; name of medical school attended; nature of diploma; and certificate from state board of medical registration and examination. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. Hdw. 320 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1897-1915, Clk. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1885-97, 1918--, Clk. off.

35. RECORD OF DENTISTS' LICENSE, 1899--. 1 vol.

Record of licenses to practice dentistry, showing date and number of license; name, age, resident, and business location of dentist; nature of qualifications; and signatures of clerk and dentist. Indexed alph. by names of dentists. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1. Clk. off.

36. DRUGLESS PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE RECORD, 1928--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for drugless physicians' licenses, showing dates and numbers of certificate and license; name, age, residence, and business address of physician; name and address of school attended; and nature of diploma and qualifications. Indexed alph. by names of physicians. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 8 x 2. Clk. off.

37. OPTOMETRY LICENSE RECORD, 1907-20. 1 vol.

Record of certificates of registration and optometrists' licenses to practice optometry, showing dates and numbers of certificate and license; name, age, residence, and business address of optometrist; name and address of school attended; nature of qualifications; and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of optometrists. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Clk. off.

Business

38. POULTRY DEALERS' LICENSE, 1917--. 2 vols.

Record of applications for licenses to buy and sell poultry, showing dates of application and license; name, age, residence, and business address of applicant; and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of dealers. Hdw. 280 pp. 15 x 10 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

39. JUNK DEALERS' LICENSE RECORD, 1907--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for licenses to buy and sell junk, showing dates of application and license; name, age, residence, and business address of applicant; and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Clk. off.

40. PETTY MONEY LENDERS' LICENSE, 1914-21. 1 vol.

Record of licenses issued to petty money lenders, showing date of license; name, age, residence, and business address of licensee; tenure of license; rate of interest; and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of licensees. Hdw. 440 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Certificates

41. RECORD OF VETERINARY APPLICATIONS, 1902-4. 1 vol.

Record of applications and certificates to practice veterinary medicine and surgery, showing dates of application and certificate; name, age, residence, and business address of applicant; length of residence in county; name of school attended; nature of diploma and qualifications; and freeholder's affidavit. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

42. POWER OF ATTORNEY, 1915-17. 1 file box.

Record of appointments granted as powers of attorney, showing date of grant; names and addresses of principal, agent, and attorneys; powers and particular performances granted; tenure; causes for revocation; and recitals. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

43. PARTNERSHIP RECORD, 1916--. 1 vol.

Record of certificates of partnerships, showing date of certificate, names and addresses of partners, name and location of firm, type of business, and signatures of partners. Indexed alph. by names of firms. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

44. NAMES OF PARTNERS, 1915-22. 1 file box.

Original certificates of partnership, showing date of certificate, names and addresses of partners, name and location of firm, type of business, and signatures of partners. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 43.

45. STATEMENTS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES, 1914. 1 file box.

Certificates issued to insurance companies, showing date issued, names of company and agent, financial statement of company, and addresses of local and home offices. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

Registers

46. REGISTER OF TRAINED NURSES, 1918--. 1 vol.

Register of trained nurses, showing date of registration; and name, age, residence, and qualifications of nurse. Arr. alph. by names of nurses. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 8 x 2. Clk. off.

47. REGISTER OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1916-19. 1 vol. Discontinued:

Duties transferred to the state commissioners of insurance.

Record of certificates authorizing insurance companies to transact business in county, showing date certificate filed, names and addresses of company and agent, and financial statement of company. Indexed alph. by names of agents. Hdw. 320 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

48. REGISTER OF OFFICERS, 1907-34. 1 vol. (4). 3 vols., prior

to 1907, missing. Discontinued: Registered in Official Bonds.

Register of justices of the peace and notaries public in each township, showing dates qualified and commissioned; number, amount, and obligations of bond; names of officer and sureties; term of office; date office vacated; and names of additional sureties. Arr. by twps., and therounder chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 12 x 1. Clk. off.

49. ESTRAY RECORD, 1858-1906. 1 vol. (2). 1 vol., prior to

1858, missing.

Record of stray animals found, and reported by justice of peace, showing dates of report and publication notice; names of impounder and officer; sale, description, appraised value, and proceeds of sale of animal; and finder's claim for feed and keep. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 15 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

50. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1887--. 1 vol.

Miscellaneous records, including powers of attorney; court bonds; physicians' licenses; releases; bankruptcies and agencies' revocations, appointments, and registrations, showing date and number of instrument, names of parties, considerations, conditions, writs, orders, releases, discharges, and disposals. Indexed alph. by names of principals. 1887-Nov. 28, 1902, hdw.; Nov. 29, 1902--, hdw. and typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

51. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1925--. 2 vols.
(1-2).

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date and amount received or disbursed, receipt or warrant number, names of payer or payee and funds debited or credited, source of receipts, and purpose of disbursement. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 16 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

52. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS, 1912-25. 2 vols. (1-2). Discontinued:

Transferred to Cash Book of Receipts and Disbursements.

Record of receipts, showing date, number, amount, and nature of receipt; and names of payer and fund credited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Bsmt. vt.

For prior records, see ontry 54.

53. CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1912-25. 1 vol. Discontinued:

Transferred to Cash Book of Receipts and Disbursements.

Record of disbursements, showing date, number, amount, and nature of check; and names of payee and fund debited. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Bsmt. vt.

54. CASH BOOK, 1881-1912. 3 vols.

Record of cash received and disbursed from various sources, showing date and amount received or disbursed, receipt or warrant number, name of payer or payee and funds credited or debited, source of receipts, and purpose of disbursement. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 15 x 12 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Bsmt. vt.

55. RECEIPTS, 1917--. 17 vols.

Duplicate cash receipt stubs of moneys received, showing date, number, amount, and nature of receipt; names of payer and fund; and signature of clerk. Arr. by receipt nos. Hdw. 250 pp. 12 x 7 x 1. 13 vols., 1917-July 19, 1934, rec. rm., bsmt.; 4 vols., July 19, 1934--., Clk. off.

56. CHECKS, 1917--. 13 vols.

Duplicate check stubs for cash disbursements, showing date, number, amount, and nature of check; names of payee and fund debited; and signature of clerk. Arr. by check nos. Hdw. 250 pp. 12 x 7 x 1. 8 vols., 1917-Nov. 28, 1924, Aug. 10, 1926-Nov. 22, 1933, rec. rm., bsmt.; 5 vols., Nov. 28, 1924-Aug. 10, 1926, Nov. 23, 1933--., Clk. off.

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IV. RECORDER

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. No person is eligible to hold the office of recorder for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. The recorder is required to post bond in the amount of four thousand dollars. 1/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of recorder was established at the organization of Fountain County in 1826, under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and an act of 1818 which provided for the election of a recorder in any new county formed. 2/

The title of this officer describes his functions--to make and preserve a public record of legal documents which by law he is bound to record, for both county officials and private persons. 3/ Of the many kinds of instruments recorded the more important are: Deeds and mortgages; 4/ chattel mortgages; 5/ satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments of any kind; 6. releases; 7/ mechanic's liens; 8/ leases; 9/ articles of incorporation; 10/ certificates of admission for foreign corporations to do business in Indiana; 11/ cemetery deeds; 12/ and articles of cemetery associations. 13/ He also registers farm names. 14/

The forms and methods to be used by the recorder are described in detail in the statutes. He keeps an entry book in which he enters, as filed, all instruments delivered to him for recording, noting day and hour received, which time is the legal date of re-

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cording. 15/ In addition to the records enumerated above, he keeps a fee book and a cashbook, and enters therein, as received, all money received in his office. 16/ He is required to index his records, both in each volume and in complete or general indexes. 17/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Const., art. 6, sec. 2. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1901; Burns 49-3201; Baldwin 5489.

2/ Const. 1816, art. 11, sec. 10. Acts 1816-17, ch. 2, sec. 1.2

3/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1925; Burns 49-3205; Baldwin 5470.

4/ 1 Rev.. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3210; Baldwin 5475.

5/ Acts 1936⁵; Burns, 1937 suppl., 51-510; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13227-10, Acts 1934⁵; 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 51-515; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13227-15.

6/ Acts 1905; Burns 49-3203; Baldwin 5472. Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 51-511; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13227-11.

7/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 56-708; Baldwin 992. Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 51-511; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 13227-11.

8/ Acts 1909; Burns 43-704; Baldwin 10508.

9/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1875, 1913, 1921, 1923; Burns 56-119; Baldwin 14671.

10/ Acts 1929; Burns 25-219; Baldwin 4919. Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 25-527; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 4989-21.

11/ Acts 1929; Burns 25-305; Baldwin 4963. Acts 1934; Burns, 1937 suppl., 25-527; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 4989-21.

12/ Acts 1925; Burns 21-223; Baldwin 4648.

13/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 25-1520; Baldwin 10599.

14/ Acts 1913; Burns 49-3226; Baldwin 5488.

15/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3211; Baldwin 14665. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1925; Burns 49-3205; Baldwin 5470.

16/ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401; Baldwin 7576.

17/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3209, 49-3217, 49-3218; Baldwin 5471, 5481, 5482. 1 Rev. Stat. 1852. Acts 1855; Burns 49-3216; Baldwin 5480.

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

57. DEED RECORD, 1826--. 106 vols. (1-106).

Record of deeds recorded, showing deed number; date of execution and recording; names of grantor and grantee; description, valuation, and location of property; considerations; covenants; acknowledgments; and signature of recorder. Indexed alph. by names of grantors and grantees. 1826-98, hdw.; 1898--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

58. GENERAL INDEX TO DEEDS, 1826--. 23 vols. (1-23).

General index to deed records, showing dates of deed and recording, location and description of land, names of grantor and grantee, and volume and page numbers of Deed Record. Arr.alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

59. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1911--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of court orders in action to remove cloud from titles to seal property which prevents sale of same, showing names of court and attorneys, location and description of property, proceedings of court in cancelation of prior deeds, and final orders. 1911-21, for index, see entry 60; 1922--, indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

60. INDEX OF QUIET TITLES, 1911-1922. 1 vol.

Index to quiet title proceedings, showing dates of filing transcript, recording, and court decree; names of plaintiff and defendant; and

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volume and page numbers of Quiet Title Record. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

61. SHERIFF DEEDS, 1871--. 2 vols. (1,1).

Record of deeds given for property sold by sheriff, on order of the court to satisfy judgments, showing dates of judgment and sale, names of judgment debtors and creditors, and purchaser, location and description of property, amount of judgment, proceeds of sale, and fines and fees attached. Indexed alph. by names of purchasers. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

62. TAX SALE DEEDS, 1863-94. 1 vol.

Record of deeds granted to purchasers of real and personal property, to satisfy tax claims, showing date and amount of sale, names of grantor and grantee, and purchaser, location and description of property, amount of delinquent taxes, and signatures of auditor and recorder. Indexed alph. by names of grantors and grantees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

63. TRACT BOOK, 1821-54. 2 vols.

List of original congressional land grants, showing date of sale, names of purchaser, ^{and} surveyor, kind of grant, location and description of land, and township number. Arr. by twp. nos. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

64. PLAT BOOK, 1825-71. 3 vols.

Title varies; 1 vol., Government Survey.

Original survey of lands and lots in Fountain County, showing date and number of plat; description, location, and acreage of land; name of owner; and affidavit of justice of peace. Arr. by plat nos. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 20 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. rec. rm.

Mortgages

Real Estate

65. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1844--. 76 vols. (1-76)

Record of mortgages, showing dates of execution and recording, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of property, amount of mortgage, stipulations, agreements, maturity, interest rate, satisfaction, and release. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. 1844-1902, hdw.; 1902--[✓], types. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 75 vols. 1844-1937, Recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol. 1937--[✓], Recr. off.

66. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1844--. 16 vols. (A, 1-15).

General index to mortgages, showing date of recording, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of property, and volume and page numbers of Mortgage Record. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

67. RECORD OF MORTGAGES BY SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, 1833-44. 1 vol.

Record of mortgages given on school fund loans, showing dates of

execution and recording, loan number, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location and description of property, and amount and terms of mortgage. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Recr. rec. rm.

Chattel

68. CHATTEL MORTGAGE MINUTE BOOK, 1935--. 1 vol.

Entry of chattel mortgages, showing instrument number, date and time of recording, description of chattel, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, and amount of loan. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. off.

69. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1875--. 42 vols. (1-42).

Record of chattel mortgages, showing number of instrument, dates filed and recorded, name of mortgagor, description and location of chattel, and amount and terms of mortgage. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors and mortgagees. Dec. 16, 1875-Jan 16, 1901, hdw; Jan. 13, 1901--typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

70. RECORDER'S CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECEIPTS, 1935--. 2 vols.

Copy of receipts given for fees collected for filing and recording chattel mortgages, showing receipt and mortgage numbers, date and time of filing, date recorded, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, amount and terms of mortgage, amount of fee charged, and signature of recorder. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recr. off.

School Fund

71. SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGE RECORD, 1859-1910. 3 vols. (1-3)

Record of mortgages given to secure loans from school funds, showing number of mortgage, dates recorded and payment due, description and location of property, amount of loan, rate of interest, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, and date of release. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

Releases72. RECORD OF RELEASES, 1905-12. 3 vols. (2-³/₄ and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of mortgage releases, showing date of release; names of mortgagor, mortgagee, and assignee; and volume and page numbers of Mortgage Record. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagees. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 13 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

Liens

73. RECORD OF MECHANICS' LIENS, 1855-83. 1 vol.

Record of mechanics' liens, showing date recorded, names of lienor and property owner, location of property, nature of work performed, and amount of lien. Indexed alph. by names of lienors and property owners. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

74. IMPROVED STOCK LIEN RECORD, 1890-1933. 1 vol.

Record of liens taken for stallion services, showing names of

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owner and lienor, breed of stallion, dates of service and lien, amount of lien, and signature of recorder. Indexed alph. by names of lienors. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

For subsequent records see, entry 81.

Register of Legal Instruments

75. ENTRY BOOK, 1846--. 24 vols. (1-22, 3-4).

Title varies; 2 vols., 1846-53, Entry of Deeds.

Record of all legal instruments left for recording, showing dates of entry and recording, nature of instrument, names of principals, amount involved, and fees charged. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 23 vols., 1846-1936, Recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol. 1937, Recr. off.

76. RECORD OF WILLS AND ORDER OF COURT, 1882--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of wills and orders of court in settlement of estates, showing date of court action; case number; names of testator, administrator or executor, attorneys, and partitioners; amount of claims against estate; report of administrator; proceedings; and orders of court in settlement of estate. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1882-1903, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. rec. rm.

77. ABSTRACT OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE CERTIFICATES, 1936--.

1 vol.

Abstracts of old age assistance certificates, showing application,

certificate, and instrument numbers; date and time of filing of certificate; and name of recipient. Indexed alph. by names of recipients. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recr. off.

78. RECORD OF INDENTURES, 1847-84. 1 vol.

Record of agreements between parents and master for teaching apprentices various trades, showing date; names of parents, master, and apprentice; type of trade to be taught; nature of agreement; and duration of apprenticeship. Indexed alph. by names of apprentices. Hdw. 200 pp. 14 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recr. rec. rm.

79. RECORD OF FARM NAMES, 1913-26. 1 vol. Discontinued.

Record of farm names, showing date recorded, names of farm and owner, and location and description of farm. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recr. rec. rm.

80. CHECK BOOK, WABASH AND ERIE CANAL, 1849-64. 2 vols.

1856-60, missing. Discontinued.

Record of boat clearance at Covington, Indiana, showing dates of checking and clearance, names of boat, and embarking and destination points; type of cargo; rate and amount of toll paid; number of miles traveled; clearance number; weight of boat; and destination. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 9 x 2. Recr. rec. rm.

Miscellaneous Records

81. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1853--. 20 vols. (1-20)

Miscellaneous records, including agreements, contracts, leases,

certificates of discharge of soldiers and sailors, releases of mortgages, and recording of liens, showing date of recording, number and type of instrument, names of principals, and amounts involved. Indexed alph. by names of principals. 1853-1900, hdw.; 1900-- , typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 19 vols., 1853-1936, Recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1937-- , Recr. off.

Fee and Cash Records

82. RECORDER'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1895-- . 9 vols. (1-7, and 2 vols. not numbered). Title varies; 2 vols., 1895-1909, Recorder's Cash Book.

Record of cash receipts, showing date, number, and type of instrument; name of payer; amount; and source of receipts. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. 8 vols., 1895-1936, Recr. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1937-- , Recr. off.

V. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court, established by the Constitution of 1851, consists of one judge and is vested with such jurisdiction as is proscribed by law. The judge is elected by the voters of the circuit for a six-year term. 1/ The sixty-first circuit since 1913 has comprised Fountain County, and the court is styled "Fountain Circuit Court." 2/

When Fountain County was organized in 1826, its various parts were, for judicial purposes, attached to the counties from which they had been taken. 3/ Under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and an act of 1831, the court consisted of a president judge and two associate judges. 4/

From 1829 to 1852, probate matters were under the original and exclusive jurisdiction of a probate court. 5/ From 1853 to 1873 probate matters and certain other criminal and civil cases were under the jurisdiction of the court of common pleas. 6/ When this court was abolished in 1873, all jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. 7/

The circuit court has original exclusive jurisdiction in all cases at law and equity whatsoever, criminal cases, actions for divorce, and settlement of decedents' estates and guardianships, except as exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction is conferred by law upon justices of the peace. 8/ It has exclusive jurisdiction in all matters relating to children. In hearing such cases, it sits as the juvenile court. 9/ It has such appellate jurisdiction

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as it conferred by law. It also has jurisdiction of all other causes, matters, and proceedings, where exclusive jurisdiction thereof is not conferred upon some other court, board, or officer. 10/

The court has power to make all proper judgments, sentences, decrees, orders, and injunctions; to issue all process; 11/ and to adopt rules for conducting its business. 12/ The order of business is, in precedence, as follows; Probate cases, criminal cases, and civil cases. 13/

The chief officers of the court are the sheriff, the prosecuting attorney, and the clerk of the circuit court. The sheriff attends upon the court and serves all process directed to him therefrom. 14/ The prosecuting attorney prosecutes the pleas of the state in the court. 15/ The clerk of the circuit court draws up each day's proceedings at full length in the proper order book which is signed by the circuit judge. 16/ All causes are filed and entered in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, and numbered in consecutive order as filed. 17/ The clerk is also charged by statute with the duty of keeping and preserving the official records of the court. 18/

1/ Const., art. 7, secs. 1, 8-9. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-301; Baldwin 1395.

2/ Acts 1913; Burns 4-332; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 1415-1. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-302; Baldwin 1396.

3/ Acts 1830, ch. 24, sec. 2.

4/ Const. 1816, art. 5, sec. 3. Acts 1831, ch. 22, secs. 1-2.

5/ Acts 1829, ch. 26, secs. 1-2.

6/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, secs. 4, 11, 14, 43.

7/ Acts 1873; Burns 4-328; Baldwin 1417.

8/ Const., art. 7, sec. 8. Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-303, 6-101; Baldwin 1397, 3011.

9/ Acts 1903, 1913, 1931, 1935, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 9-2801; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 1759.

- 10/ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 4-303; Baldwin 11397.
11/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 4-307; Baldwin 1400.
12/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 4-313; Baldwin 1406.
13/ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-1106; Baldwin 182.
14/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2202; Baldwin 5494.
15/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501; Baldwin 5496.
16/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1885, 1933; Burns 4-324; Baldwin
 1413.
17/ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-1053; Baldwin 158.
18/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706; Baldwin 1433.

Civil Causes

83. COURT PAPERS, 1826--. 817 file boxes:(numbering varies).
 Papers of court cases. Contains: Civil Papers, entry 84; Criminal
 Papers, entry 116; Probate Papers, entry 123; Common Pleas Papers,
 entry 167. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

84. CIVIL PAPERS, 1826-1929: In Court Papers, entry 83/.
 Papers of civil cases, showing case number; date of filing; names
 of defendant, attorneys, plaintiff, and witnesses; nature of
 complaint; and disposition of case.

85. GENERAL INDEX OF COURT RECORDS, Circuit Court, 1826-73.

3 vols. (2-3, and 1 vol. not numbered). Discontinued:

Continued in Index to Disposed Leases.

Index to circuit court records, showing names of plaintiff and
 defendant, kind of action taken, dates and amounts of judgment
 and court costs, and volume and page numbers of Order Book, Fee
 Book, and Execution Docket. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs
 and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

86. INDEX TO DISPOSED OF CASES, 1827--. 8 vols.

(1, 1-2, 1-4, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Index to disposed of court cases. Contains: Index Disposed of Civil Cases, entry 87; Index Disposed of Estate Cases, entry 127. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

87. INDEX TO DISPOSED OF CIVIL CASES, 1827--. In Index
of Disposed of Cases, entry 86

Index to disposed of civil cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date and nature of case, and file number of court papers.

88. DISCHARGES OF INMATES OF STATE INSTITUTIONS, 1923-28.

1 file box.

Discharge papers of inmates from state institutions, showing name of inmate; reason for incarceration; dates of commitment, parole, and discharge; and signatures of the board of trustees. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

89. RECEIVERSHIP RECORD, 1911-25. 1 vol.

Record of receiverships, showing date of court order; names of company, officers, and creditors; list of assets and liabilities; date and amount of claim paid; and declaration of bankruptcy. Indexed alph. by names of bankrupt companies. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 99.

Sanity

90. INSANE RECORD, 1901-27. 1 vol.

Record of sanity cases, showing names of patient and complainant; statement alleging insanity; dates of complaint and examination; certificate of justice of the peace; statements of attending physician and medical examiner; warrant of arrest; patient's and sheriff's return; judge's order of admission and discharge; and superintendent's receipt. No index. Hdw. 600 pp.

18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entries 95, 99.

Naturalization

91. RECORD OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1854--. Last

entry, 1928. 1893, 1903-8, missing. Title varies:

1 vol., 1894-1902, Naturalization Record, First Papers.

Record of declaration of intention to become a citizen of the U. S., showing dates of arrival in U. S. and application; name, age, description, nationality, occupation, and present address of applicant; date and name of place of embarkment; name of native country; and signatures of applicant and clerk. Indexed alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 346 pp. 15 x 10 x 2.

Clk. rec. rm.

92. PETITION AND RECORD, 1894--. Last entry, 1899.

3 vols., July 9, 1902-June 1, 1910, missing. Title

varies: 1 vol., 1894-1902, Naturalization Record

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Record of petitions for naturalization papers, showing name, age, description, occupation, and present address of petitioner; names of witnesses; dates of arrival, petition, and certificate of naturalization issued; oath of allegiance; and order of admission or denial of citizenship. Indexed alph. by names of petitioners. Hdw. 220 pp. 15 x 10 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

93. CERTIFICATE OF NATURALIZATION, 1913--. Last entry, 1929.

5 vols.

Stubs of certificates of naturalization, showing date and record of admission to citizenship; name, age, sex, description, occupation, present address, and parental history of applicant; names of witnesses; certificate number; oath of allegiance; and signature of applicant. No index. Hdw. 30 pp. 10 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec. rm., bsmt.

94. GENERAL INDEX OF NATURALIZATION OF FOREIGNERS, 1842-73.

1 vol.

General index to naturalization records, showing name and birthplace of applicant, date of application, and volume and page numbers of Naturalization Record. Arr. alph. by names of applicants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

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95. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET, AND FEE BOOK, 1912--.

26 vols. (1-26).

Record of the entries and issues of cases and fees, showing dates of entry and issue; case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; length of entry; clerk's and sheriff's fees itemized; receipts

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of fees; and miscellaneous fees. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

96. ENTRY DOCKET, 1855-1908. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered). Sept. 1864-Feb. 1903, missing.

Entry Docket. Contains: Entry Docket, Civil, entry 97; Entry Docket, Criminal, entry 118. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

97. ENTRY DOCKET, CIVIL, 1855-1908. In Entry Docket, entry 96.

Record of civil cases entered in circuit court, showing case number, date of entry, names of plaintiff and defendant, and nature of complaint.

For prior records, see entry 95.

Trial

98. ORDER BOOKS, 1826--. 38 vols. (1-38).

Order books of circuit court. Contains: Order Book, Civil, entry 99; Order Book, Criminal, entry 119. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1826-1903, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

99. ORDER BOOK, CIVIL, 1826--. In Order Books, entry 98.

Record of the court orders in civil cases, showing case number; date of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; cause of action; and general and final orders.

Disposition

100. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1853--. 9 vols. (2-8, 3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Judgment dockets of circuit court. Contains: Judgment Docket,

Civil, entry 101; Judgment Docket, Criminal, entry 120. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 500 pp.

18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

101. JUDGMENT DOCKET, CIVIL, 1853--. In Judgment Docket, entry 1007.

Record of judgments rendered in civil cases, showing date judgment rendered; case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, witnesses, and judgment debtor or creditor; cause of action; amount of judgment; proceedings; date of satisfaction; and volume and page numbers of Order Book, Complete Record, Execution Docket, and Fee Book.

102. COMPLETE RECORD, 1853-1929. 13 vols. (9-21).

Complete record of circuit court. Contains: Complete Record, Civil, entry 103; Complete Record, Criminal, entry 121. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1853-July 9, 1902, hdw.; Oct. 13, 1902--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

103. COMPLETE RECORD, CIVIL, 1853-1929. In Complete Record, entry 1027.

Record of civil cases in circuit court, showing dates of entry, issue, and court action; case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, witnesses, and judgment debtor or creditor; cause of action; proceedings; judgment rendered; and date of satisfaction.

104. RECORD BOOK, 1826-53. 8 vols. (1-8).

Record Book, Circuit Court. Contains: Record Book, Civil, entry 105; Record Book, Probate, entry 152. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp.

18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see Civil Order Book.

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105. RECORD BOOK, CIVIL, 1826-53. In Record Book,
entry 1047.

Record of all civil cases, showing date judgment rendered; case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; cause of action; proceedings; judgment rendered; and signature of clerk.

Executions

106. TRANSFER DOCKET, CIVIL, 1908--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Title varies: 1 vol., Transfer Ledger.

Record of disposed of civil cases transferred to and from court dockets, showing dates of entry and disposition; case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; cause of action; and nature of settlement; and reason for transfer.

Arr. chron. Hdw. and typed. 2000 pp. 12 x 16 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

107. EXECUTION DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1827--. 19 vols. (1-19).

Record of executions of court judgments, showing kind of writ; dates issued and judgment rendered; names of plaintiff, defendant, and judgment debtor or creditor; amount of judgment; and sheriff's return. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp.

18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

108. EXECUTIONS, 1911--. 6 file boxes.

Original execution papers on court judgments, showing kind of writ; dates issued and judgment rendered; names of plaintiff, defendant, and judgment debtor or creditor; amount of judgment, debt, or damages; and sheriff's costs and return. No index. 11 x 4 x 14.

Clk. rec. rm.

109. PRACIPE RECORD, 1904--. 2 vols.

Record of orders of the court for execution of judgments rendered and for summons and subpoenas, showing date of issue; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; nature of writ; and return of process server. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

110. LIS PENDENS RECORD, COMPLAINTS, 1878--. 1 vol. 1902-4, missing.

Record of complaints filed in circuit court, showing number of complaint; names of plaintiff and defendant; description of real estate subject to judgment; and dates of filing, recording, and satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. 1878-Mar. 17, 1902, hdw.; Feb. 17, 1904--, hdw. and typed. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

111. LIS PENDENS RECORD, SHERIFF'S NOTICES, 1878--. Last entry, 1926. 1 vol.

Record of sheriff's notices of levy and attachment, showing names of plaintiff and defendant; description of property; dates of filing, recording, and satisfaction; and signature of sheriff. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

112. LIS PENDENS RECORD, SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATES, 1881--.
3 vols. (1-3).

Record of sheriff's certificates of sale of seized property on court orders, showing dates of issue, judgment, and sale; description and location of property sold; amounts of judgment, interest, and of sale; names of plaintiff, defendant, and purchaser; and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of

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plaintiffs and defendants. 1881-Aug. 29, 1911, hdw.; Dec. 23, 1911--, hdw. and typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

113. LIS PENDENS RECORD, REDEMPTION OF LANDS, 1882--. 1 vol. Record of certificates of redemption of real property sold by court orders, showing name of certificate holder and original owner, date and amount of sale, amount of judgment and costs, date of redemption, and location and description of property. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

114. SUPPORT DOCKET, 1912--. 2 vols. (1-2). Record of support money received and disbursed by order of the court, showing cause and receipt numbers; names of plaintiff, defendant, and payer or payee; terms of payment; and dates and amounts received and paid out. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Clk. off.

115. WARRANTS FOR COLLECTION GROSS INCOME TAX, 1935--. 1 file box. Warrants issued by the state treasurer for the collection of gross income tax, showing warrant and file numbers, name and address of payer, date warrant issued, amount and for what period due, and signature of state treasurer. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

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116. CRIMINAL PAPERS, 1826-29. In Court Papers, entry 83. Original papers filed in criminal cases, showing case number;

date of filing; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and witnesses; nature of charge; and disposition of case.

Criminal Proceedings

Entry

117. ENTRY DOCKET, ISSUE DOCKET, AND FEE BOOK, 1916--. 7 vols.
(1-7).

Record of the entries and issues in criminal cases and fees, showing dates of entry and issue; case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney; writs issued; fees and court costs; and receipts of fees. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 5. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 118.

118. ENTRY DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1855-1908. In [Entry Docket]
entry 96.

Record of criminal cases filed in circuit court, showing case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney; date filed; nature of charge; and court costs.

Trial

119. ORDER BOOKS, CRIMINAL, 1926--. In [Order Books],
entry 98.

Record of court orders from beginning to conclusion of cases, showing date of writ; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and witnesses; case and cause numbers; writs issued; and record of general and final orders.

Disposition

120. JUDGMENT DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1853--. /In Judgment
Dockets, entry 100/.

Record of judgments rendered in criminal cases, showing case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and witnesses; date of issue; court proceedings; decision; and cost incurred.

121. COMPLETE RECORD, CRIMINAL, 1853-1929. /In Complete
Records, entry 102/.

Record of criminal cases tried in circuit court, showing case number; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and witnesses; dates of filing, issue, and judgment rendered; nature of charge; proceedings; judgment rendered; fees; and court costs.

122. TRANSFER DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1914--. 2 vols. (2, and 1
vol. not numbered).

Record of disposed of criminal cases transferred to and from court dockets, showing case number; dates of entry and disposition; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and witnesses; nature of charge; and decree of court. Arr. chron. Hdw. and typed. 1500 pp. 12 x 16 x 12. Clk. rec. rm.

Probate Causes

All probate causes of Fountain County are under the exclusive jurisdiction of the Fountain Circuit Court. This court has had this jurisdiction since the court of common pleas was abolished in 1873.

The probate court of Fountain County was established under a law of 1829, which placed probate matters in a separate court, consisting of one judge, elected by the voters of the county for a term of seven years. It had original and exclusive jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; granting letters of administration; settlement of decedents' estates; appointment of guardians for minors and persons of unsound mind; and approval of bonds of guardians, administrators, and executors. 1/

In 1852 the legislature abolished the probate court 2/ and created the "Court of Common Pleas of Fountain County". 3/ The court of common pleas had original and exclusive jurisdiction of probate causes, except in special cases where concurrent jurisdiction was given to the circuit court or to some other court. 4/

The legislature in 1873 abolished the court of common pleas and transferred its jurisdiction to the circuit court, 5/ and all the records of the court of common pleas were transferred to the circuit court. 6/

The clerk of the circuit court was the clerk of the probate court 7/ and the clerk of the common pleas court. 8/

All the records pertaining to probate causes are filed and preserved in the office of the clerk of the circuit court. 9/

- 1/ Acts 1829, ch. 26, sec. 1-2, 5, 8.
- 2/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 92, sec. 1. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 43.
- 3/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 1, 3, 27.
- 4/ Ibid., sec. 4-5, 7.
- 5/ Acts 1873; Burns 4-328; Baldwin 1417.
- 6/ Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 81.
- 7/ Acts 1829, ch. 26, sec. 5.
- 8/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 25.
- 9/ Acts 1829, ch. 26, sec. 3; 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 8, sec. 26. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2706, 49-2721; Baldwin 1433, 1441. Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 81.

Estate Cases

123. PROBATE PAPERS, 1826--. In [Court Papers], entry 83.
Papers of probate cases, showing case number; date of filing;

names of administrator or executor, and legatees; location, description, and valuation of property; court proceedings; and nature of settlement.

124. GENERAL PROBATE INDEX, 1832-1906. 3 vols. (1-3).

Index to papers of probate cases, showing date filed for probate; case number; names of estate, administrator or executor, plaintiff, defendant, and legatees; kind of action; and volume and page numbers of Order Book, Complete Record, and Partition Record.

125. ESTATE CASES, Pending, 1915--. 23 file boxes, (A-Z).

Original papers of current and pending estate cases, showing case number; date filed; names of decedent; heirs, administrator, and executor; and volume and page numbers of General Entry Docket, Order Book, Fee Book, and Bond Record. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. off.

126. ESTATE CASES, Disposed of, 1929--. 38 file boxes, (61-98).

Original papers of disposed of estate cases, showing cause and file box numbers; names of decedent, heirs, and executor or administrator; nature of settlement; and volume and page numbers of General Entry Docket, Order Book, Fee Book, and Bond Record. For index, see entry 86. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

127. INDEX DISPOSED OF ESTATE CASES, 1827--. In Index to Disposed of Cases, entry 86.

Index to papers of disposed of estate cases, showing date filed, name of estate, and file box number.

128. WILL RECORD, 1827--. 7 vols. (1-7). Title varies:

Record of Wills.

Will record, showing dates of execution and filing; names of testator, heirs, administrator, executor, and witnesses; location and description of residuary estate; and record of legacies, bequests, and devises. Indexed alph. by names of testators. 1827-1902, hdw.; 1903--, typed. 398 pp. 15 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

129. GENERAL INDEX OF WILLS, 1825-73. 1 vol.

General index to will record, showing names of decedent and executor, dates of will and filing, and volume and page numbers of record. Arr. alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

130. TRUSTEESHIPS, Active, 1909--. 1 file box.

Papers of estates held in trust, showing name and date of appointment of trustee; names of administrator, trustee, and wards; location, description, and valuation of estate; and trustee's qualifications of appointment. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. off.

131. RECORD OF LETTERS TESTAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION AND

GUARDIANSHIP, 1846-58. 1 vol.

Record of letters of appointment of executor, guardian, and administrator, showing dates of appointment and letters; names of estate, executor, and administrator or guardian; letters of appointment; and signature of clerk. Indexed alph. by names of administrators. Hdw. 500 pp. 14 x 10 x 2½. Clk. rec. rm.

131a. EXECUTOR'S BOND RECORDS, 1847--. 3 vols.

(A, 2, 3). Title varies: 1 vol., Jan. 5, 1847-

Nov. 24, 1862, Record of Administrator's and

Executor's Bonds; 1 vol., Dec. 11, 1862-Nov. 20, 1915,

Executor's Bonds, Oaths, and Letters.

Executor's Bond Records. Contains: Executor's Bond Records,
Common Pleas, 1853-73], entry 171a; Executor's Bond Records,
Circuit Court, 1847--], entry 132. Indexed alph. by names of
executors. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

132. EXECUTORS' BOND RECORD, Circuit Court], 1847--.

In Executors' Bond Records], entry 131a.

Record of bonds posted by executors, and letters of adminis-
tration, showing date of issue; conditions and amount of bond;
letters of appointment; oath; names of estate, executor, and
surety; and signature of clerk.

133. ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND RECORD, 1888--. 4 vols. (2-5).

Record of bonds posted by administrators to insure lawful
handling of estates, showing date, conditions, and amount of bond;
obligations of oath; and names of administrator, estate, and
surety. Indexed alph. by names of administrators. Hdw. 600 pp.
18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 132.

134. GENERAL INDEX OF ADMINISTRATOR'S AND EXECUTOR'S BONDS,
1832-72. 1 vol.

General index to administrator's and executor's bond record,
showing names of decedent, and executor or administrator;
dates of appointment, letters, and bond; and volume and page

numbers of Administrators' and Executor's Bond Record. Arr.
 alph. by names of decedents and administrators. Hdw. 500 pp.
 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

135. PARTITION RECORD, Circuit Court, 1871-1926.

12 vols. (4-15).

Record of petitions for partition of estates, showing date of
 petition; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and
 administrator or executor; appraisement; proof of publication;
 affidavit of nonresidence; administrator's or executor's bond;
 commissioners' reports; summons; orders of court; and final
 settlement. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. 1871-
 Feb. 15, 1907, hdw.; Nov. 16, 1902-26, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.
 Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entries 95, 98.

136. ACCOUNT CURRENT RECORD, FOUNTAIN CIRCUIT, 1894-1930.

7 vols. (1-7).

Record of appraisement of estates, and guardians' reports,
 showing purpose and amount of disbursements; location of
 property; date of appraisement; list and appraisement of all
 property; and names of estate, guardian, and appraiser. Indexed
 alph. by names of deceased. 1894-June 29, 1908, hdw.; May 26, 1909-
 30, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

137. RECORD OF INVENTORIES, 1881--. 3 vols. (1-7, 3).

Record of inventories of estates of deceased persons, showing
 date and number of inventory; estate number; names of decedent,
 appraiser, and creditors; description, valuation, and an
 itemized list of all property; amount of claims against estate;

and division of residue of estate to the legatees. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. 1881-Sept. 1, 1910, hdw.; Oct. 7, 1911-- , typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 1 vol., 1881-90, rec. rm., bsmt.; 7 vols., 1890-- , clk. rec. rm.

138. SALE BILL RECORD, 1883-1927. 2 vols. (1, 4).

Record of sales in the settlement of estates, showing date and amount of sale; list and description of articles sold; amount of claims against estate; names of decedent, administrator, purchaser, and creditors; and administrator's statement of proceeds. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 vol., 1883-94, stg. rm., bsmt.; 1 vol., 1916-27, clk. rec. rm.

Guardianships

139. GUARDIAN'S BOND RECORD, 1847-- . 5 vols. (1-5).

Title varies: Guardian's Bonds, Oaths, and Letters. Record of bonds posted by guardians, showing date, conditions, and amount of bond; nature and obligation of oath; and names of guardian, ward, and surety. Indexed alph. by names of guardians and wards. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 11 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

140. GENERAL INDEX OF GUARDIAN'S BONDS, 1846-73. 1 vol.

General index to guardian's bond record, showing names of ward and guardian; dates of appointment, letters, and bond; and volume and page numbers of Guardian Bond Record. Arr. alph. by names of wards and guardians. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

141. INVENTORY RECORD, 1804-29. 1 vol.

Record of inventories of estates of wards, showing date of inventory, description and valuation of estate, and names of ward and guardian.

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Indexed alph. by names of wards. Hdw. and typed. 600 pp.

18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

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142. ESTATE, ENTRY, CLAIM, AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, AND
FEE BOOK, 1912--. 8 vols. (1-8). Title varies:
4 vols., 1912-34, Clerk's Entry, Claim, and
Allowance Docket.

Record of estates entered for probate, including claims, allowances, and fees, showing estate number; date of decedent's death; names of decedent, administrator or executor, surety, and creditor; date, amount, and condition of bond; letters of administration; terms of will; inventory and appraisement of estate; itemized sale of all property; court proceedings and costs; date and amount of claim allowed or disallowed; dates and amounts received and satisfied; and all fees in settlement of estate.

Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

Clk. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 143.

143. GENERAL ENTRY, CLAIM, AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1881-1920.
6 vols., (1-6).

Record of cases entered for probate and settlement, including claims and allowances, showing date of appointment of administrator or executor; amount and condition of bond; names of administrator or executor; surety, and claimant; date, number, amount, and nature of claim; proceedings of court; and volume and page numbers of Probate Order Book. Indexed alph. by names of estates. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

144. APPEARANCE DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1874-81. 1 vol.

Record of the appearance of administrators or executors for periodical reports on estate cases, showing date of appearance; names of decedent, administrator or executor, and claimant; date, number, amount, and nature of claim; amount and date allowed; and signature of administrator. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 143.

145. JUDGE'S DOCKET, ESTATES, FOUNTAIN CIRCUIT COURT, 1873-81. 1 vol.

Judges' record of proceedings of cases in probate, showing case number; names of estate, executor, administrator, legatee, and surety; date and letters of administration; date, number, amount, and conditions of bond; and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by names of administration. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

146. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET, 1846-1934. 4 vols. (1, 3, 4, and 1 vol. not numbered). Dec. 13, 1855-Oct. 17, 1873, missing. Title varies: 1 vol., Oct. 18, 1873-May 15, 1889, Judge's Docket, Guardianships.

Record of proceedings and settlement of the estates of wards in guardianship cases, showing date probated; case number; names of ward, guardian, and sureties; date of letters; amount and conditions of bond; conditions of estate; proceedings of court; and volume and page numbers of Probate Order Book. Indexed alph. by names of wards. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see ontry 147.

147. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1912--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of the settlement of the estates of wards in guardianship cases, and fees, showing date probated; case number; name, age, and birthdate of ward; names of estate, guardian, surety, and appraiser; date of letters; amount of bond; inventory and appraisement of estate; balance in trust; court issues and proceedings; clerk's fees itemized; all other fees; date received; total and receipts of fees; and volume and page numbers of Probate Order Book. Indexed alph. by names of wards or decedents. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For prior records, see entry 146.

148. TRUSTEE'S DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1919--. 1 vol.

Entry, issue docket, and fee book for trustees of estates, showing case number, date of issue, names of estate and trustee, proceedings, decisions, references, reports, itemized list of fees, receipts of fees, date received, and volume and page numbers of Probate Order Book. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

149. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, CIRCUIT COURT, 1826--. 34 vols.

(numbering varies).

Record of court orders in probate cases, showing date of writ; names of testator, executor, administrator, legatee, and attorney; nature of writ; and record of general and final orders. Indexed alph. by names of decedents or legatees. 1826-1903, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

150. INHERITANCE AND TRANSFER TAX RECORD, 1913-15. 1 vol.

Record of tax imposed on inherited and transferred property, showing names of estate, legatee, grantor, grantee, and heirs; description and valuation of property; amount of tax; and date of payment. Arr. chron. Mdw. 450 pp. 18 x 24 x 2. Bsm. vt.

For subsequent records, see entry 142.

151. COMPLETE RECORD, Probate, 1873-1921. 30 vols.

(A1-Z1, W-Z).

Complete record of all probate cases, showing case and estate numbers; date probated; names of estate, administrator or executor, and legatee; description and valuation of estate; proceedings of court; nature of settlement; fees; and costs. Indexed alph. by names of principles. 1873-1902, hdw.; 1903-21, typod. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

152. RECORD BOOK, Probate, 1826-53. In Record Books, entry 104.

Record of all proceedings and transactions in probate cases, showing case and estate numbers; date probated; names of estate, administrator or executor, and legatee; proceedings of court; and nature of settlement.

Juvenile Causes

153. JUVENILE COURT PAPERS, 1907--. 3 file boxes.

Papers of disposed of juvenile cases, showing case number; date of

trial; names of delinquent child, parents, attorney, and witnesses; nature of delinquency; proceedings of court; appointment of ward; sentence passed; and proceedings in probation. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

Juvenile Proceedings

154. JUVENILE COURT DOCKET, 1907--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of juvenile cases, showing case number; date of trial; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and witnesses; nature of charge; proceedings of court; disposition of case; fees; and costs. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. off.

155. ORDER BOOK, FOUNTAIN JUVENILE COURT, 1907--. 1 vol.

Record of juvenile cases, showing case number; date of trial; names of delinquent minor, ~~and~~ parents, attorney, and witnesses; nature of delinquency; proceedings of court; sentence; and appointment of guardian. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Typed. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. off.

156. SUSPENDED SENTENCE RECORD, 1920-28. 1 vol.

Record of suspended sentences, showing case number; date of trial; names of delinquent minor, parents, and sponsor; nature of charge; sentence; amounts of fine and court costs; reason for suspension; and volume and page numbers of Criminal Docket. Arr. chron. Hdw. 50 pp. 12 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

Miscellaneous Court Records

Bonds

157. RECOGNIZANCE BOND RECORD, 1885-1911. 1 vol.

Record of bonds given to assure appearance of defendants in court, showing appearance date, names of defendant and bondsman, amount and tenure of bond, nature of charge, type of writ served, final and suspended judgments, release discharge, and record of bail forfeitures. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 340 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 99.

Change of Venue

158. CHANGE OF VENUE RECORD, 1924-25. 1 vol.

Record of cases venued from or to Fountain County, showing case number; date of venue; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and county; cause of action; number of jurors and days in trial; proceedings of court; disposition of case; and court costs. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. Recr. rm., bsmt.

For subsequent records, see entry 95.

Fee and Cash Record:

159. FEE BILL DOCKET, 1873-1912. 2 vols. (1-2).

Docket from which bills for fees are made and given to sheriff for collection, showing date and amount of fee, case number,

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names of plaintiff and defendant, volume and page numbers of Fee Book, and sheriff's return. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

160. FEE REGISTER, 1886-1912. 3 vols. (3-5).

2 vols., prior to 1886, missing.

Record of fees, showing number and nature of cause, names of estate, payor, payee, and court; date and amount of fee paid in and paid out; and volume and page numbers of Fee Book.

Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

161. FEE BOOK, 1873-1923. 10 vols. (14, 16, 23, 25-31).

6 vol., 1884-89; 1 vol., 1896-97, missing.

Record of fees collected, showing case number; names of plaintiff and defendant, and payor; date and amount of fee received; and court costs. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs.

Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

162. FEE BOOK, CRIMINAL, 1877-95. 1 vol.

Record of all fees collected in criminal cases, showing case number, date and amount received, and name of payer. Indexed alph. by names of defendants. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 117.

163. FEE BOOK, PROBATE, 1877-1927. 4 vols. (J-M).

Record of all fees collected in probate cases, showing case number, date and amount of fee received, and name of payer.

Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

For subsequent records, see entry 95.

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164. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS IN TRUST, 1891--. 2 vols.
(1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of fees and funds held in trust, showing cause number; names of estate, plaintiff, defendant, and payor; check number; dates and amounts of fees received and disbursed; and volume and page numbers of Complete Record and Cash Book. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.
1 vol., clk. rec. rm.; 1 vol., clk. off.

165. RECORD OF FINES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED, 1910-15.

1 vol.

Record of fines and forfeitures collected, showing date and amount collected, name of payer, and date and amount paid to treasurer. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Rec. rm., bsmt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 99.

166. COURT ALLOWANCES, 1915--. 6 file boxes.

Record of allowances made by circuit court for payments of claims against court for services, showing date and amount of allowance, nature of service, and name of claimant. No index.
11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

Common Pleas Causes

From 1853 to 1873 there existed a separate court, styled the "Court of Common Pleas of Fountain County". The court was established by an act of 1852, effective in 1853, and consisted of one judge, elected by the voters of the district for a four-year term. 1/

The court had original and exclusive jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills and to appointment of guardians for persons of unsound mind, and in matters relating to executors and administrators, except in special cases where concurrent jurisdiction was given to the circuit court or some other court; 2/ concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars, except in cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, action on an official bond, and where the title of real estate was in issue; 3/ jurisdiction in civil matters exceeding one thousand dollars relating to judgments confessed by consent of both parties or in an agreed case; 4/ original jurisdiction in criminal cases not amounting to felony, except those over which justices of the peace had exclusive jurisdiction, 5/ and in felony cases not punishable by death providing that the accused voluntarily agreed to trial; and jurisdiction in any criminal case on change of venue from the circuit court. 6/

In 1873, the legislature abolished the court of common pleas and transferred its jurisdiction to the circuit court. 7/

The clerk of the circuit court was the clerk of the court of common pleas 8/ and was required to keep separate records for this court. 9/ When the court of common pleas was abolished, the records were transferred to the circuit court. 10/

All the records are located in the courthouse, and are, with other court records, in the custody of the clerk of the circuit court.

- 1/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 3, secs. 1, 3, 27, 29.
- 2/ Ibid., sec. 4.
- 3/ Ibid., sec. 11.
- 4/ Ibid., sec. 12.
- 5/ Ibid., sec. 14.
- 6/ Ibid., sec. 17.
- 7/ Acts 1873; Burns 4-328; Baldwin 1417.
- 8/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, pt. 1, ch. 3, sec. 25.
- 9/ Ibid., sec. 26.
- 10/ Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 31.

167. COMMON PLEAS PAPERS, 1826--. In Court Papers,
entry 837

Papers of cases tried in court of common pleas, showing case number; date of filing; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, and witnesses; nature of charge; and disposition of case.

168. GENERAL INDEX OF COURT RECORDS, COMMON PLEAS COURT,
1841-73. 2 vols. (1-2),

General index to records of common pleas court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, date and amount of judgment, amount of costs, and volume and page numbers of Order Book, Execution Docket, and Fee Book. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs or defendants. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Court Proceedings

170. JUDGMENT DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-74.

3 vols. (A-C).

Record of judgments rendered in common pleas court, showing names of judgment debtor or creditor, and attorney, kind of action, amount of judgment and court costs, dates rendered and satisfied,

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and volume and page numbers of Order Book, Execution Docket, Fee Book, and Complete Record. Indexed alph. by names of judgment debtors. Hdw. Condition fair. 500 pp. 12 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

171. EXECUTION DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-80.

4 vols. (A-D).

Record of executions to collect court judgments, showing date of issue; kind of writ; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorney, witnesses, and judgment debtor and creditor; amount of judgment and court costs; and sheriff's return. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

Probate Causes

171a. EXECUTOR'S BOND RECORD, 1853-73. /In Executor's Bond Records, entry 131a/.

Record of bonds posted by executors or administrators, and letters of administration, showing date, amount, and conditions of bond; letters of appointment; oath; names of estate, administrator or executor, and surety; and signature of clerk.

172. PARTITION RECORD, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1856-74.

3 vols. (1-3).

Record of petitions for partition of estates, showing date of petition; cause number; names of plaintiff, defendant, and administrator or executor; appraisement of estate; proof of publication; affidavit of nonresidence; administrator's or executor's bond; commissioners' reports; summons; orders of court; and final settlement. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff.

Hdw. 600 pp. 12 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

173. SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF DECEDENTS, COMMON
PLEAS COURT, 1862-65. 1 vol. (B).

Record of the sale of decedent's property in settlement of estates, showing inventory and estate numbers, itemized list and description of articles, date and amount of sale, and names of estate and purchaser. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

174. APPEARANCE DOCKET, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1858-75.

3 vols. (A, 3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of periodical appearances of administrators reporting to the court on conditions of estates, showing date of appearance; names of decedent, administrator, legatee, and trustee; return made; report of administration; schedule of assets; inventory; salebills; deeds in partition; receipts and disbursements; proceedings; and court orders. Indexed alph. by names of decedents. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

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175. ORDER BOOK, COMMON PLEAS COURT, Probate, 1853-77.

17 vols. (A-Q).

Record of all probate cases in common pleas court, showing cause number; date entered; names of estate, ward, and administrator or executor; cause of action; writs issued; and general and final orders. Indexed alph. by names of decedents or wards. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

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176. COMPLETE RECORD, PROBATE FOUNTAIN COURT OF COMMON
PLEAS, 1852-75. 25 vols. (10, A-V).

Record of all probate cases filed in common pleas court, showing cause number; date of trial; names of estate, legatee, and administrator or executor; proceedings; order; writ; and decision of the court. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

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177. FEE BOOK, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1853-79. 5 vols.
(A-D, G).

Record of fees collected in civil cases, showing case number, date and amount paid, source, and name of payer. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Clk. rec. rm.

178. FEE BOOK, PROBATE, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1852-89.
3 vols. (A-B, H).

Record of fees collected in probate cases, showing date and amount of fee collected, source, and name of payer. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Clk. rec. rm.

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VI. SHERIFF

The sheriff is a constitutional officer elected for a two³ year term. No person is eligible to the office of sheriff for more than four years in any six-year period. The sheriff is required to post bond in the amount of from five thousand to fifteen thousand dollars as fixed by the board of commissioners. 1/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of sheriff was established at the organization of Fountain County in 1826, under the authority of an Indiana Territorial Act and later of the Constitution of 1816 and an act of 1824 which directed the Governor to appoint a sheriff in any new county formed, to act as such until such an officer is duly elected and qualified. 2/

The sheriff is a conservator of the peace within Fountain County. He is required to arrest without process all persons who within his view commit any crime or misdemeanor, and hold them in custody during investigation of the cause of such arrest; to suppress all breaches of the peace, with authority to call to his aid the power of the county; to pursue and commit to jail all felons; to execute all process directed to him by legal authority; and to maintain and preserve order in the courts of the county except courts of justice of the peace. He also maintains the jail and takes care of the prisoners confined in it. 3/ It is his duty to protect persons in danger of possible lynchings. 4/ He makes arrests of all persons on warrants issued upon indictments and affidavits, and commits them to jail; and also serves summons

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in cases of misdemeanor. 5/

The sheriff sells mortgaged property on foreclosure proceedings and property on executions; 6/ executes deeds to real estate sold by him; 7/ conveys persons committed to state charitable, correctional, or penal institutions; 8/ and attends sessions and executes the orders of the county council 9/ and the board of commissioners. 10/

The chief records which the sheriff keeps are a cashbook, a fee book, 11/ and a jail record. 12/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Const., art. 6, sec. 2. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 49-2801; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 5493.
2/ Const., 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. Rev. Laws 1934, ch. 100, sec. 2.
3/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2802; Baldwin 2594.
4/ Acts 1906; Burns 10-3309, 10-3310; Baldwin 2530, 2531.
5/ Acts 1905, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 9-1001; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 2134.
6/ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-3601; 3-1819; Baldwin 574, 1014.
7/ Acts 1881 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 2-4101; Baldwin 619. Acts 1931; Burns 3-1506; Baldwin 1008.
8/ Acts 1905; Burns 9-2232, 22-2013; Baldwin 2330, 4206. Acts 1911; Burns 22-1716; Baldwin 4230. Acts 1919; Burns 22-1809; Baldwin 4264. Acts 1927; Burns 22-1213; Baldwin 4305.
9/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-610; Baldwin 5374.
10/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 26-611; Baldwin 5226.
11/ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401; Baldwin 7276.
12/ Acts 1909; Burns 13-1007; Baldwin 13459.

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179. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, 1867-89. 11 vols.

Record of sheriff's actions under court jurisdiction, showing date of serving summons; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, jurors and witnesses; nature of complaint; fees; costs; and sheriff's service charge. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Bsm't. vt.

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180. REGISTER OF EXECUTIONS, 1878--. 5 vols. (1, and 4 vols. not numbered). 1881-84, 1897-95, missing.

Record of executions of judgments by seizure and sale, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and judgment debtor; date and amount of judgment; amount recovered; and return made. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 3 vols., 1878-1920, stg. rm., bsmt.; 2 vols., 1921--, Shf. off.

181. EXECUTIONS, 1930--. 1 file box. Title varies; 1930--, Summons and Subpoenas.

Files of original execution orders, commanding sheriff to seize and sell property of judgment debtor, showing date and amount of judgment; names of plaintiff, defendant, and judgment debtor; description and location of property; and signature of clerk. No index. 5 x 4 x 16. Shf. off.

182A. [SHERIFF'S DOCUMENTS], [Civil and Criminal], 1919--, 1 file box.

Sheriff's files of original papers in court and criminal cases.

Contains: Warrants, entry 182A; Certificates of Sale, entry 186; Jury Venire, entru 192. No index. 16 x 10 x 24. Shf. off.

182B. WARRANTS, 1933--. In [Sheriff's Documents], entry 182A. Original bond warrants, ordering sheriff to bring defendant into court, showing name and address of defendant, nature of charge, date warrant issued, and signature of clerk. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. 16 x 10 x 24. Shf. off.

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182D. WRITS SERVED, 1932---. 1 file box.

Writs served. Contains: Summons and Subpoenas, entry 183,

Search Warrants, entry 184. No index. 5 x 4 x 16. Shf. off.

183. SUMMONS AND SUBPOENA, 1932-34. In Writs Served,
entry 182C.

Summons and subpoenas filed by sheriff after serving, showing name of person served, date of summons and appearance, nature of complaint, names of plaintiff and defendant, and signature of clerk.

184. SEARCH WARRANTS, 1935---. In Writs Served, entry
182 C.

Original search warrants issued against manufacturing illegal liquor, showing date warrant issued, names of affiant and suspect, affidavit, cause or suspicion for search, location of premises, and signature of sheriff.

185. TRANSCRIPTS, 1936---. 1 file box.

Transcripts of judgments in which court ordered sale of property, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys; number and amount of interest; judgment; return date; and court costs.
No index. 5 x 4 x 16. Shf. off.

186. CERTIFICATE OF SALE, 1919---. In Sheriff's Documents,
entry 182A.

Sheriff's certificates of sale on decree and execution, showing names of sheriff, plaintiff, defendant, and purchaser; date and amount of judgment plus interest; description of property; date of sale; amount recovered, and signature of sheriff. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiffs.

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187. FUGITIVES WANTED, 1935--. 1 file box.

Copies of fingerprints, and photos and descriptions of fugitives from justice, showing date, name, description, alias, alleged crime, and criminal record of fugitive; classification of finger prints; and reward offered. Arr. numerically by finger print classification. 12 x 10 x 24. Shf. off.

188. FINGER PRINT FILE, 1935--. 1 file box.

Identification cards for persons charged with crimes, showing name or alias, sex, color, description, marks and scars, and number of fingerprint of fugitive; alleged crime or criminal record; date; and signature of sheriff. Arr. by fingerprint nos., and thereunder chron. 12 x 10 x 24. Shf. off.

189. FEE BILLS, 1924--. 1 file box.

Fee bills to be served by sheriff, showing date; number and amount of fee bill; names of plaintiff, defendant, and fee debtor; purpose; signature of clerk; and volume and page numbers of Fee Book. No index. 5 x 4 x 16. Shf. off.

190. WARRANTS SERVED, FINGERPRINTS, 1934--. 1 file box.

Card file for identification of fingerprinted persons, for whom warrants have been issued and served, showing name and address of defendant, crime charged, and identification card number. Arr. alph. by names of defendants. 16 x 4 x 24. Shf. off.

191. REGISTER OF JURORS, 1904-32. 1 vol.

Record of persons drawn to serve as jurors, showing date and term of court, names and addresses of jurors, date of appearance, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Stg. rm., bsmt.

For subsequent records, see entry 192.

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192. JURY VENIRE, 1935--. In [Sheriff's Documents], entry 182A.

Record of juror's service, showing name and address of juror, number of days served, mileage, rate per day for pay, charge per mile, total charges, and sheriff's certification.

193. JAIL REGISTER, 1879--. 2 vols. 1900-1915, missing.

Title varies: 1 vol., 1879-99, Prisoners' Record.

Record of persons committed to jail, showing date committed; name, address, age, and sex of prisoner; nature of charge; length of sentence; fees; cost of board; and discharge date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. 1 vol., 1879-99, stg. rm., bsmt.; 1 vol., 1916--, Shf. off.

194. STOLEN CARS BY MOTOR NUMBERS, 1934--. 1 file box.

File records of stolen automobiles, showing date of report, number of motor, serial number, description and model of automobile, and reward offered. Arr. by last two figures in numbers of motors. 16 x 4 x 24. Shf. off.

195. COUNTY POULTRY DEALERS, 1936--. 1 file box.

Copies of receipts issued by poultry and fur dealers to sellers, showing date of purchase, name of seller, kind of product, and amount paid. Arr. chron. 16 x 4 x 24. Shf. off.

196. LETTER FILE, 1934--. 2 file boxes (A-Z).

Files of sheriffs' official correspondence, showing dates posted and received, nature of correspondence, and signature of sheriff. Arr. alph. by names of senders. 12 x 10 x 24. Shf. off.

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197. SHERIFF'S RECORD OF MILEAGE, 1929--. 1 vol.

Record of mileage made by sheriff in serving court writs, showing case number; date writ served; names of plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses; number of miles traveled; and costs. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 10 x 15 x 2. Shf. off.

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198. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1892--. 3 vols. (1, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of sheriffs' official cash transactions, showing date and amount received or disbursed, name of payer or payee, source of receipts, purpose of disbursements, amount due county and various officials, and amount retained. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1892-1913, stg. rm., bsmt.; 1 vol., 1913--, Shf. off.

199. REGISTER OF SHERIFF'S FEES, 1892--. 8 vols. 1894-96, 1903-11, missing.

Record of fees collected by sheriff, showing date of payment; names of plaintiff, defendant, and payer; nature of case; kind and amount of fee; and total amount. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. 5 vols. 1892-93, 1897-1902, 1912-27, stg. rm., bsmt.; 3 vols., 1927--, Shf. off.

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VII. CORONER

The corner is a constitutional officer elected for a two-year term, without restriction on reelection. 1/ He is required to post a bond of not more than five thousand nor less than one thousand dollars, as fixed by the board of commissioners. 2/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of coroner was established at the organization of Fountain County in 1826, under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and an act of 1824 which directed the Governor to appoint a coroner in any new county formed, to act as such until such an officer is duly elected and qualified. 3/

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature; to inquire into the cause and manner of death; 4/ and to order the arrest of any person whom he may charge with murder. 5/ He holds such inquests without a jury, 6/ and may subpoena witnesses and employ a physician to make a post mortem examination; 7/ draws up his verdict, 8/ and files it in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, together with a report giving a minute description of the deceased and valuables found with the body. 9/ He is a peace officer with the same powers as the sheriff, 10/ and acts as sheriff in event of absence, vacancy, personal interest, or incapacity of that officer, 11/ and arrests and commits to jail the sheriff if necessary. 22/

1/ Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

2/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901; Baldwin 5436.

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- 3/ Const. 1816, art. 4, sec. 25. Acts 1824, ch. 100, sec. 6.
4/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1871, 1879 (Spc. Sess.), 1935;
 Burns, 1937 suppl., 49-2904; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5439.
5/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2914; Baldwin 5448.
6/ Acts 1879 (Spp. Sess.); Burns 49-2905; Baldwin 5444.
7/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2906; Baldwin 5440.
8/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1879 (Spc. Sess.); Burns
 49-2908; Baldwin 5442.
9/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1879 (Spc. Sess.); Burns
 49-2909; Baldwin 5443.
10/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1933; Burns 49-2901; Baldwin 5436.
11/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2902; Baldwin 5437.
12/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2903; Baldwin 5438.

200. CORONER'S RECORD OF INQUESTS, 1930--. 1 vol.

Record of coroners' investigations in cases of violent or unexplained deaths; showing date of inquest, date, place, and cause of death; name, age, sex, race, and address of deceased; names and addresses of witnesses; and verdict of coroner. Indexed alph. by names of deceased. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 15 x 1. Crumley and Son Funeral Home, Covington, Ind.

201. CORONER'S INQUESTS, 1914--. 4 file boxes.

Official documents in coroners' investigations of cases of violent or unexplained deaths; showing date of inquest; date, cause, and place of death; name, age, sex, race, and address of deceased; names, addresses, and testimony of witnesses; and written verdict of coroner. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

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VIII. PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

The prosecuting attorney is a constitutional officer, elected in each judicial circuit for a two-year term. 1/ He is required to execute a bond in the amount of five thousand dollars, to be approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed with the clerk. 2/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the circuit prosecutor was chosen by joint ballot of the senate and house of representatives by an act of 1831. 3/ The legislature in 1843 provided that the prosecuting attorney be elected by the voters of the circuit. 4/ In 1847 the prosecuting attorney was made a county officer, elected by the voters thereof. 5/ The act of 1847 was repealed in 1851, and the provisions of the act of 1843 were restored. 6/

The prosecuting attorney prosecutes the pleas of the state 7/ in all courts of Fountain County, including the courts of justice of the peace, as provided by law. 8/ He appears before the grand jury to furnish information relative to matters cognizable by it or upon any legal matter, and signs all indictments found, but is excluded from its deliberations. 9/ He may also prosecute by affidavit persons accused of public offenses except treason and murder. 10/ He conducts all prosecutions for felonies and misdemeanors in Fountain County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, and superintends on behalf of the county or any of its trust funds, all suits in which the same may

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be interested or involved. 11/ He defends persons of unsound mind or incapable of managing their business affairs by reason of old age or other infirmity, and protects their interests; 12/ and resists undefended actions for divorce. 13/

The prosecuting attorney may take acknowledgments to deeds or other instruments in writing, administer oaths, protest notes and checks, take depositions of witnesses, and perform any duty now conferred on a notary public. 14/

The records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Const., art. 7, sec. 11. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501; Baldwin 5456.

2/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2502; Baldwin 5458.

3/ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 10, sec. 1.

4/ Acts 1852, ch. 15, sec. 1.

5/ Acts 1847, ch. 12, sec. 1.

6/ Acts 1851, ch. 152, secs. 1-2.

7/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2501; Baldwin 5456.

8/ Acts 1933; Burns 49-2695; Baldwin 755-0.

9/ Acts 1905; Burns 9-826; 9-901; Baldwin 2122, 2123.

10/ Acts 1905; 1927; Burns 9-903; Baldwin 2131.

11/ 2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-2504; Baldwin 5460.

12/ Ibid. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1895; Burns 8-202; Baldwin 3460. Acts 1911, 1919; Burns 8-301; Baldwin 3472.

13/ Acts 1873; Burns 3-1212; Baldwin 916. Acts 1913; Burns 3-1213; Baldwin 917.

14/ Acts 1919; Burns 49-2507; Baldwin 5463.

202. FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1937--.. 1 vol.

Appearance record and fee book for state cases, showing date of disposition of case, name and address of defendant, nature of charge, and fees allotted to prosecutor and to county. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Pros. atty. prt. off.

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IX. ASSESSOR

The assessor is a statutory officer, elected for a four-year term. He must be a continuous resident freeholder of Fountain County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freehold sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. 1/

The legislature in 1841 created the county offices of appraiser 2/ and assessor 3/ with similar functions relative to valuation for taxation of real and personal property, respectively. The office of assessor existed in Fountain County until 1852, when the office was discontinued, 4/ and the duties devolved upon township assessors. The office of appraiser was discontinued in 1872, 5/ and replaced by the office of county assessor, then reestablished. 6/ Three years later the office was abolished 7/ and again established in 1891 in its present form. 8/

The duties of the assessor are to examine carefully tax duplicates and other records in the offices of the auditor, treasurer, recorder, clerk, sheriff, and surveyor, together with the returns of the township assessors, and to discover, list, and assess all omitted property of every kind, entering his valuations in a separate column on the township assessors' records; to list and

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assess any omitted property which he discovers at any time of the year; to instruct and advise the township assessors; to report to the state board of tax commissioners any delinquencies of township assessors; 9/ to set a value upon intangibles for taxes; 10/ and to appraise estates for inheritance taxes. 11/ He is ex-officio member and president of the Fountain County Board of Review. 12/

The assessor is required to return to the auditor all township assessors' books, returns, lists, schedules, and other papers received by him from the auditor, together with such additional books, lists, assessments, and papers as he has made thereto on or before the first Monday after July 4 of each year. 13/

The records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696.
 - 2/ Acts 1841, ch. 1, sec. 1.
 - 3/ Acts 1841, ch. 3, sec. 1.
 - 4/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 92, sec. 1.
 - 5/ Acts 1872 (Spc. Sess.), ch. 37, sec. 276.
 - 6/ Ibid., sec. 107.
 - 7/ Acts 1875, ch. 97, sec. 9.
 - 8/ Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.
 - 9/ Acts 1919, Burns 64-1102; Baldwin 15698.
 - 10/ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-905; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 15903.
 - 11/ Acts 1919, 1921; Burns 64-1101; Baldwin 15696. Acts 1931, 1933; Burns 6-2408; Baldwin 15946.
 - 12/ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.
 - 13/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1102; Baldwin 15698.

203. MORTGAGES, COUNTY ASSESSOR, 1876-1909. 1 vol.

Record of mortgages, showing dates filed and recorded, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description and location of real estate, amount of mortgage, and volume and page numbers of Mortgage Records. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagees. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

X. BOARD OF REVIEW

The board of review of Fountain County, established under an act of 1891 1/ and subsequent amendments, reviews assessments and equalizes the valuation of real and personal property. Its members are the assessor, auditor, and treasurer, ex officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary. 2/

Prior to 1891, there was a county board of equalization, consisting of the board of commissioners and certain other members--in 1841, the auditor and the assessor; 3/ in 1852, the auditor and the appraiser or appraisers; 4/ in 1872, the auditor and the assessor; 5/ and in 1881, four freeholders from different parts of the county, appointed by the judge of the circuit court. 6/ In 1891 the board of review was created, consisting of the assessor, auditor, and treasurer; in 1895 two freeholders were added to the board; 7/ and the act of 1919 requires the two freeholders to be of opposite political parties.

The board of review holds an annual meeting beginning on the first Monday of June. A majority constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business and may decide any question. At the meeting the auditor submits for examination the assessment list of the county returned by the township assessors, and the county assessor reports all corrections and changes which in his judgment ought to be made, which the board considers and acts upon, and it may, upon its own motion, add omitted property. 8/

The board adjusts inequalities in the valuation of particular tracts or lots, 9/ hears complaints of owners of personal property,

corrects errors in the description and assessment, and passes upon each valuation in the township assessors' lists. 10/ It assesses the capital stock and franchises of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. 11/

It is the duty of the board to inquire as to the valuation of various classes of property in the townships or any taxing unit, to make such changes as may be necessary, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of valuation throughout the county. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. 12/

The auditor, as secretary, is required to keep full and accurate minutes of the proceedings of the board. The changes made by the board are entered in a separate column in the assessment lists. 13/

The records are located in the courthouse.

- 1/ Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.
- 2/ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.
- 3/ Acts 1841, ch. 1, sec. 18.
- 4/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 35, sec. 2.
- 5/ Acts 1872 (Spc. Sess.), ch. 37, sec. 150.
- 6/ Acts 1881 (Spc. Sess.), ch. 96, sec. 129.
- 7/ Acts 1895, ch. 36, sec. 2.
- 8/ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.
- 9/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205; Baldwin 15704.
- 10/ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.
- 11/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-724; Baldwin 15638.
- 12/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1205; Baldwin 15704.
- 13/ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spc. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.

204. RECORD BOARD OF REVIEW, 1911--. 1 vol. (2). 1 vol., prior to 1911, missing.

Record of the proceedings of the board of review, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, oaths of members appointed, proceedings, and signatures of members and auditor. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

XI. BOARD OF TAX ADJUSTMENT

The board of tax adjustment of Fountain County consists of seven members, chosen in accordance with an act of 1937, as follows: One member of the county council, chosen by the council; the mayor of the largest city in the county, or any public official of any city in the county appointed by the said mayor of the largest city in the county; one member of the county board of education selected by such board; and four freeholders of the county appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. No more than four of the seven members may be adherents of the same political party. The board elects its own chairman and vice-chairman, and the auditor acts as clerk, but has no vote in its proceedings. 1/

The board was first created by an act of 1932 2/ and reconstituted by an act of 1933, 3/ with seven members as at present, differing chiefly in qualifications and methods of appointment.

The auditor lays before the board, at its annual meeting beginning the second Monday of September and ending not later than the first day of October, the budgets adopted and the tax levies and rates fixed by the proper authorities of each municipal corporation for the ensuing year. 4/

It is the duty of the board to examine, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any budget, tax levy, or rate, holding such budget with the total amount of revenue to be raised therefor. No change can be made in detailed items, but only in the total amounts budgeted for each office. 5/ The total of all tax rates on property

within any municipal corporation for all municipal corporations for which the property therein is taxable, with certain exceptions, must not exceed the total rate as provided by law. 6/ The board has the right to require officials submitting budget estimates and tax levies and rates, to attend its meetings or to furnish any necessary information, and it may employ an examiner of the state board of accounts to assist in its duties. 7/

The auditor, as clerk, keeps a complete record of all its proceedings. 8/

1/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

2/ Acts 1932, ch. 10, sec. 4.

3/ Acts 1933, ch. 237, sec. 4.

4/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-310; 64-311; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4; 15897-5.

5/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-311; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-6.

6/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-309; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-3.

7/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

8/ Ibid.

No records could be found.

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XII. BOARD OF FINANCE

The board of finance of Fountain County consists of the board of commissioners under the authority of the Depository Acts of 1937. The auditor is the secretary, 1/ and the board elects its president. 2/

The board was first created by an act of 1907 3/ and recreated by the Depository Act of 1935. 4/

The board of finance has supervision of all public funds of the county and of the safekeeping and deposit thereof, 5/ and may sue and be sued, in its own name, in any court of competent jurisdiction. 6/ It designates the banks to serve as depositories for county funds. 7/ The board receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, 8/ and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository at any time. 9/

The board of finance holds an annual meeting on the third Monday in January for its organization, 10/ a biennial meeting on the third Monday in February, in the odd numbered years, for the consideration of proposals of banks as depositories for the ensuing two-year period. 11/

The agents of all boards of finance--county, city, town, school, and township--and of all banks desiring to become depositories, are called together by the president of the county board in a joint meeting biennially, within five days before the date fixed for filing the proposals, for the purpose of making an agreement designating depositories and the amount of deposits in each. The total maximum amount of all public funds controlled by the several

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boards in the county is considered as one fund in making deposits in such proportion as the total resources of each depository bear to the total resources of all. The secretary of the county board is the secretary of the joint meeting and records its proceedings in the record of the county board. 12/

The auditor, as secretary of the board of finance, keeps a record of its proceedings. 13/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.
 - 2/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.
 - 3/ Acts 1907, ch. 222, sec. 6.
 - 4/ Acts 1935, ch. 70, sec. 7.
 - 5/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.
 - 6/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.
 - 7/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-635; 61-636; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-56, 13844-57.
 - 8/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-638; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-59.
 - 9/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-636; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-57.
 - 10/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.
 - 11/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-636; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-57.
 - 12/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-635; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-56.
 - 13/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-633; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-54.

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205. RECORD OF COUNTY BOARD OF FINANCE, 1907--. 3 vols.

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Record of proceedings, deliberations, and decisions of finance board, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, proposals and acceptances of depositories for county funds, bonds and contracts of depositories, and signatures of board president.

No index. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

206. DEPOSITORY ARRANGEMENTS, 1931-32. 1 file box.

Original proposals of banks to be made public depositories, showing date of proposal; name of bank; financial condition; amount bank proposes to receive; date, amount, and obligation of bond; and names of sureties and freeholders. Arr. chron. 5 x 5 x 14. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

207. MONTHLY STATEMENT BY DEPOSITORY, 1923--. 3 vols.

Jan. 1925-Dec. 1930, missing.

Monthly statements from depositories of public funds to board of finance, showing date, name of depository, daily balance, total, recapitulation, and signature of bank cashier. No index. Hdw. and typed. 250 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

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XIII. SCHOOL FUND BOARD

The school fund board of Fountain County, as created by an act of 1935, consists of the auditor and the clerk of the circuit court ex officio and one member appointed by the judge of the circuit court for a two-year term. No more than two members of the board may be adherents of the same political party. 1/

Originally, loans from the school funds of Fountain County were made by the school commissioner, elected by the voters, in accordance with an act of 1831. The school commissioner was a financial agent of the county to manage the school funds and the lands belonging thereto. 2/ This office was abolished in 1852 and the duties divided between the auditor and treasurer. 3/ The auditor had the sole authority to make loans until 1935. 4/

The school fund board makes all loans from the common school and the congressional township school funds to owners of real estate, such loans to be secured by mortgage. The board must satisfy itself, after approval of the title by the county attorney, as to the value of real estate offered in the mortgage, the validity of the title, and whether it is encumbered. 5/ Loans may also be made to the county upon proper authorization by the county council, in certain cases, for a period not exceeding five years. 6/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6558.

2/ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 86, sec. 6.

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- ³/₁ Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, sec. 133.
⁴/₁ Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 98, sec. 34. Acts 1865, ch. 1,
 sec. 75.
⁵/₁ Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1935 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin,
 1935 suppl., 6558.
⁶/₁ Acts 1901; Burns 28-201; Baldwin 6568, 6569.

208. SCHOOL FUND LOANS AND APPROVALS, 1908--.. 31
 pigeon holes. (A-Z).

Files of original mortgages securing school fund loans. Contains:

Approval of School Fund Loans, entry 209; School Fund
Mortgages, entry 295. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagors. 5 x 5-
 x 14. Tr-Aud. rec. rm.

209. APPROVAL OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1935--.. In School
Fund Loans and Approval, entry 208.

Approval of loans by school fund board, showing date and amount
 of loan, approval, and signature of board members.

XIV. TREASURER

The treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a two-year term. No person is eligible to the office of treasurer for more than four years in any six-year period. 1/ He is required to execute his official bond in the penalty of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during his term. 2/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of treasurer was established at the organization of Fountain County. The treasurer was appointed by the board of commissioners, under an act of 1824. 3/ The treasurer became an elective officer by an act of 1841. 4/

The treasurer receives all moneys coming to Fountain County and disburses the same on the proper orders issued and attested by the auditor. 5/ He collects all taxes for state, county, school, road, or other purposes, due the county on the tax duplicate, 6/ delivered to him by the auditor, 7/ including city taxes. 8/ He sells by public auction real estate 9/ and personal property 10/ for delinquent taxes. He also collects taxes from corporations in the county, 11/ and the excise tax on shares of stock and deposits of banks 12/ and loan associations; 13/ and sells intangible tax stamps for the state board of tax commissioners. 14/

The treasurer makes quarterly reports to the board of commissioners, showing the true amount of money in the county treasury; 15/ a monthly report to the auditor, showing the total amount of cash payments received during the month and the respective accounts

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credited, 16/ semiannual settlements for taxes with the county auditor in May and December 17/ and in accordance therewith pays to the state treasurer in June and December all money due for state purposes; 18/ and makes such other payments to the state treasurer as authorized during the year. 19/ He makes to the auditor, quarterly and at the expiration of his term of office, a sworn report showing specifically the amount of fees collected, 20/ and deposits quarterly with the auditor all orders redeemed. 21/ The treasurer is ex officio a member of Fountain County Board of Review. 22/

The treasurer keeps separate cashbooks--for taxes and special assessments and for payments for all other purposes. 23/ He is required to keep his books by separate accounts for separate funds or specific appropriations as well as by one general account. 24/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

2/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1865, 1919; Burns 49-3101; Baldwin 5548.

3/ Rev. Laws 1824, ch. 23, sec. 1.

4/ Acts 1841, ch. 4, sec. 1.

5/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3103, 49-3111; Baldwin 5550, 5558.

6/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1502; Baldwin 15748.

7/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1408; Baldwin 15745.

8/ Acts 1933; Burns 48-1219; Baldwin 11400.

9/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1516; Baldwin 15770.

10/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1705; Baldwin 15782.

11/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1801; Baldwin 15783.

12/ Acts 1933; Burns 64-804; Baldwin 15585.

13/ Acts 1933; Burns 64-827; Baldwin 15608.

14/ Acts 1933; Burns 64-927; Baldwin 15925.

15/ Acts 1895, 1913; Burns 49-1403; Baldwin 7578.

16/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-2101; Baldwin 15802.

17/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-2501; Baldwin 15850.

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- 18/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-2503, 64-2504; Baldwin 15852, 15853.
- 19/ Acts 1859, 1861; Burns 49-4813; Baldwin 15059. Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-626; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-47.
- 20/ Acts 1895, 1903, 1913; Burns 49-1402; Baldwin 7577.
- 21/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3114; Baldwin 5516.
- 22/ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.
- 23/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-2401; Baldwin 15802.
- 24/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3109; Baldwin 5554.

Tax Collections

210. TAX DUPLICATE, 1856--. 713 vols. (numbering varies). Record prepared by the auditor of all taxes assessed and to be collected, showing name of payer; valuation of lands, lots, and improvements; amounts of mortgage and soldiers' exemptions; date and amount delinquent with interest and penalty; and date and amount paid. Arr. alph. by names of taxpayers. 1856-99, hdw.; 1900--, hdw. and typed. 400 pp. 17 x 15 x 2. 692 vols., 1856-1930, rec. rm., bsmt.; 21 vols., 1931--, Tr. off.

211. FRANKFORT AND STATE LINE RAILROAD TAXES, VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, 1877-78. 1 vol.

Record of taxes assessed against railroads, showing date; duplicate number; names of owner, railroad, and taxing unit; location, description, and valuation of land, lots, and improvements; date and amount paid; and date and amount delinquent. Arr. alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 140 pp. 18 x 20 x 1. Rec. rm., bsmt.

212. [CURRENT STATEMENTS, COLLECTIBLE], 1936. 13 file drawers.

Current collectible tax statements, showing date; receipt number; names of taxing unit and payer; description, location, and valuation of property; and amount of taxes due. Arr. by taxing units, and thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. 12 x 10 x 24. Tr. off.

213. TAX RECEIPTS, 1902-6. 3 vols.

Stubs of receipts issued for taxes paid, showing date; receipt number; amount paid; names of taxing unit and payer; and description, location, and valuation of property. No index. Edw. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec. rm., bsmt.

214. [DUPLICATE PAID TAX RECEIPTS], 1932--. 116 vols.

Duplicates of receipts for paid taxes, showing date; duplicate number; amount paid; names of payer and taxing unit; and location, description, and valuation of property. Arr. by taxing units, and thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Typed. 300 pp. 5 x 7 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. 96 vols., 1932-36, Aud.-Tr. rec. rm.; 20 vols., 1936--, Tr. off.

Delinquent

215. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATES, 1934--. 1 vol.

Record of properties upon which delinquent taxes are being paid under moratorium laws, showing duplicate number, date and amount

delinquent with interest, names of payer and taxing unit, number and terms of moratorium, location and description of property, and date and amount of payment. Arr. by taxing units. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 1. Tr. off.

216. ABSTRACT OF DELINQUENT TAXES, NOVEMBER SETTLEMENT, 1935.

1 vol.

Abstract of delinquent 1934 taxes, to be transferred to 1935 tax duplicates, showing date, duplicate number, names of property owner and taxing unit, total delinquency with penalties and interest, and location and description of property. Arr. by twps., and thereunder by duplicate nos. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 24 x 2. Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

217. INSOLVENT RECORD, 1888--. 2 vols. (1-2). 1885-1905,

missing.

Record of insolvent, doubtful, and non-resident taxpayers, showing date, duplicate number, names of payer and taxing unit, valuation of property, delinquency, and reason. Arr. by taxing units. 1906-7, typed; 1883-84, 1908--, hdw. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. off.

Inheritance

218. [INHERITANCE OR TRANSFER TAX RECEIPTS], 1914--.

2 vols.

Duplicate receipts for paid up inheritance or transfer taxes, showing name of decedent, date of death, cause and receipt numbers, decedent's relationship to legatees, name of legatee, kind of tax, legacy or transfer, amounts of tax and interest, discount, name of

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payer, date of payment, amount due state, and signature of treasurer. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 9 x 15 x 2. 1 vol., 1913-36, Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1936--, Tr. off.

Public Improvements

219. GRAVEL ROAD TAX DUPLICATE, 1880-1908. 10 vols.

Register of taxpayers assessed for benefits derived from road improvements, showing date and number of duplicate; names of landowner, addition, and taxing unit; description, location, and acreage of land; amount of benefits assessed against each tract; total benefits; amount of installment; and amount delinquent. Arr. alph. by names of landowners. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 14 x 1. Rec. rm., bsmt.

220. DITCH TAX DUPLICATE, 1892-94. 1 vol.

Record of landowners assessed for benefits derived from ditch improvements, showing date and number of duplicate; names of landowner, taxing unit, and ditch; description, location, and acreage of land; amount of benefit assessed; total amount including interest and delinquencies; and first and second installments. No index. Hdw. 160 pp. 18 x 14 x 1. Rec. rm., bsmt.

221. WABASH-FULTON LEVEE ASSOCIATION, 1904-33. 1 vol.

Wabash and Fulton special assessment duplicates, showing date; taxing unit; description, location, and acreage of land; amount of benefits assessed; damages assessed; deductions; and total assessment. Arr. by taxing units. Hdw. 135 pp. 18 x 20 x 1. Tr. off.

222. REGISTER OF ROAD RECEIPTS, 1885-95. 1 vol. (4).

3 vols., prior to 1885, missing.

Register of county road receipts, showing date, number and amount of receipt, and names of payer and taxing unit. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 8 x 12 x 3. Rec. rm., bsmt.

223. ROAD TAX RECEIPTS, 1916. 2 bdl.

Record of taxpayers who liquidated their road taxes by services on road work, showing names of payer, taxing unit, and road; date; duplicate number; amount and kind of tax; value of service rendered; and total amounts credited and paid. No index. Condition fair. 4 x 8 x 6. Rec. rm., bsmt.

Receipts and Disbursements

224. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1902--. 7 vols. 1907-11,

missing. Title varies: 3 vols., 1902-24, Record of Monthly Balances.

Monthly financial statements, showing date and amount received or disbursed, name of fund debited or credited, total amount received or disbursed, and monthly balance or overdraft. No index. Hdw. 350 pp. 19 x 14 x 2. 5 vols., 1902-30, rec. rm., bsmt.; 1 vol., 1931-34, Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1935--, Tr. off.

225. TREASURER'S DAILY BALANCE OF CASH AND DEPOSITORIES, 1902--.

13 vols. Jan. 1, 1903-Oct. 30, 1903, Dec. 21, 1904-Jan. 20, 1907, Sept. 1, 1908-Dec. 31, 1916, Nov. 6, 1921-Dec. 31, 1922, missing.

Daily record of cash and depositories, showing balance on hand at beginning of day; names of depository, payer or payee, and fund debited or credited; amount received or disbursed during the day; special assessments; total receipts and disbursements; and balance on hand at close of day. No index. Hdw. 433 pp.

12 x 9 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. 10 vols., 1902-May 29, 1931, rec. rm., bsmt.; 2 vols., June 4, 1931-36, Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1937--, Tr. off.

226. TREASURER'S DAILY BALANCE OF DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS,
1918-23. 1 vol.

Daily balances of accounts with depositories, showing date, name of depository, balance in fund at beginning of day, amount deposited each day, number and amount of warrant paid out, and balance in fund at close of day. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 14 x 2.

Rec. rm., bsmt.

227. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1857--. 8 vols. ✓ Dec. 22,
1889-Dec. 31, 1902, Jan. 1, 1908-Dec. 31, 1909, Jan. 1,
1911-Dec. 31, 1930, missing. Title varies: 5 vols.,
1857-89, Journal.

Record of all receipts and disbursements, showing date and amount received or disbursed, receipt or warrant number, names of payer or payee, and funds debited or credited, source of receipts, purpose of disbursement, and total. No index. Hdw. 430 pp.

17 x 18 x 2. 7 vols., July 22, 1857-Dec. 21, 1889, Jan. 1, 1903-Dec. 31, 1908, Jan. 1,-Dec. 31, 1910, rec. rm., bsmt.; 1 vol., 1931--, Tr. off.

228. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF TAXES COLLECTED, 1910--.

18 vols. ✓ (numbering varies). June 1912-Dec. 1913,

Jan. 1916-Oct. 1918, missing. Title varies: 1 vol.,

Jan. 4,-Nov. 5, 1910, Treasurer's Cah Book; 6 vols.,

Nov. 16, 1910-24, Cash Book For Reception of Tax Payments;

1 vol., Nov. } 1919-Mar. 1920; Cash Book of Tax Payments.

Record of tax payemnts, showing date, duplicate number, amount of taxes collected, special assessments, kind of tax, surplus taxes, names of payer and funds credited, advertising costs, and total tax collected. Arr. by twps., and thereunder chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 14 vols., 1910-31, rec. rm., bsmt.; 3 vols., 1929-36, Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1936--, Tr. off.

229. CASH BOOK OF ALL RECEIPTS OTHER THAN TAX PAYMENTS,

1911-24. 1 vol.

Cash book of all receipts other than taxes, showing date, number, and amount received; names of payer and fund credited; and purpose of payment. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

230. TREASURER'S DAILY CASH BOOK, 1911-14. 1 vol. (2).

1 vol., prior to 1911, missing.

Daily record of cash receipts, showing amount brought forward from previous day, date, amount received or disbursed, source of receipts, purpose of disbursement, and balance. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

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231. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1881-1931. 9 vols. (1, 1-2, and 6 vols. not numbered). Jan. 9, 1898-1911, missing.

Title varies: 7 vols., May 1, 1881-Jan. 3, 1898,

Treasurer's Cash Book.

Record of receipts, showing date, number, amount, and source of receipt; names of payer and fund credited; and total receipts.

Arr. chron. Hdw. 430 pp. 18 x 18 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

For records from 1903-10, and subsequent to 1931, see entry 227.

232. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1911-14. 1 vol.

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing dates and amounts appropriated and disbursed, number and date of warrant, name of recipient, amounts of original and additional appropriation, conditions and obligations of county office expense, and date warrant redeemed. Arr. by names of funds. Hdw. 500 pp.

17 x 18 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec. rm., bsmt.

233. REMITTANCE SHEETS, 1930--. 2 vols.

Record of remittances, showing date, number, and amount of remittance; names of depository, payer, payee, endorser, and fund debited; and purpose of remittance. No index. Hdw. 500 pp.

8 x 10 x 2. 1 vol., 1930-33, Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1934--, Tr. off.

233 A. WARRANTS AND RECEIPTS, 1935--. 9 file boxes.

Warrants and receipts. Contains: Applications To Pay, entry 234; Duplicate Warrants, entry 239. No index. 6 x 10 x 14.

Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.

234. APPLICATION TO PAY, 1935--. In Warrants and Receipts, entry 233 A.

Record of certified receipts issued by auditor for quietus, showing date, number, and amount of quietus; names of applicant and fund debited; and signature of auditor.

235. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF DISBURSEMENTS, 1911-24.

3 vols. (1, 1-2). Title varies: 1 vol., 1911-14,

Treasurer's Cash Book of Disbursements.

Register of disbursements, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; names of payee and fund debited; total disbursements; and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 430 pp. 18 x 18 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

For prior and subsequent records, see entry 227.

236. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS BY DEPOSITORIES,

1914--. 7 vols. Title varies: 3 vols., 1914-25,

Treasurer's Record of Warrants and Depository Balances.

Register of warrants by depositories, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; names of depository and fund debited; date redeemed; and volume and page numbers of Receipts and Disbursements. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. 4 vols., 1914-29, rec. rm., bsmt.; 2 vols., 1930-36, Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1936--, Tr. off.

237. REGISTER OF ORDERS, RAILROAD TAX, 1872-76. 1 vol.

Record of orders for refund of railroad tax, showing date, number, and amount of order; name of railroad; and reason for refund.

No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 8 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

238. REGISTER OF BOUNTY ORDERS, 1864-69. 1 vol.

Record of bounty orders for Civil War veterans, showing date, number, nature, and amount of order; name of veteran; and amount allowed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

239. DUPLICATE WARRANTS, 1935--. In Warrants and Receipts, entry 233 A.

Duplicates of auditors' warrants in payment of county expenses, showing date, number, and amount of claim; names of recipient, fund debited, and depository; and purpose of payment.

240. CHECKS, 1902-6. 2 vols. June 17, 1903-July 6, 1904, missing.

Stubs of checks issued for payment of county expenses, showing date, number, nature, and amount of check; and names of payee, fund debited, and depository. No index. Hdw. 200 pp. 10 x 12 x 1. Rec. rm., bsmt.

241. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, Duplicates, 1907--. 6 vols.

Feb. 14, 1908-May 24, 1914; May 7, 1915-Feb. 13, 1917;

Feb. 1, 1918-Oct. 23, 1924; Jan. 1, 1925-Dec. 30, 1929, missing.

Title varies: 1 vol., Jan. 4, 1907-Feb. 13, 1908,

Miscellaneous Receipts.

Duplicates of receipts for collected moneys, showing number, date, and amount of receipt; name of payer; purpose of payment; and signature of treasurer. No index. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

4 vols., Jan. 4, 1907-Feb. 13, 1908; May 25, 1914-May 6, 1915,

Feb. 14-Jan. 31, 1917, Oct. 24, Dec. 31, 1924, rec. rm., bsmt.;

1 vol., 1927-36, Tr.-Aud. rec. rm.; 1 vol., 1937--, Tr. off.

XV. AUDITOR

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. No person is eligible to the office of auditor for more than eight years in any twelve-year period. 1/ He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars approved by and filed with the county commissioners. 2/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, this office was established by the legislature in 1841. 3/

The auditor is the financial agent of the county and the routine administration of county affairs centers in his office, through which all financial transactions are conducted.

The principal functions of the auditor are fourfold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims allowed by the commissioners, by court order, 4/ or otherwise as statutes provide. 5/ Ex officio he is clerk to the board of commissioners, 6/ the county council, 7/ and the board of tax adjustment, 8/ and secretary of the board of finance. 9/ He is also a member and the secretary of the board of review, 10/ and a member of the school fund board. 11/ As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, 12/ certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks; 13/ and, if the board of tax adjustment fails to complete its duties on time or to reduce the rate to the legal maximum, fixes the tax rate within any municipal corporation in the county. 14/ As budget officer he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency; keeps them on file for one month, subject to inspection by any taxpayer; and submits them with his recommendations

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to the county council at its annual meeting. 15/

Other duties are: Managing the common school and the congressional township school funds, with the exception of making loans; 16/ preparing the ditch duplicate, covering assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains; 17/ issuing licenses to peddlers, shows, and theaters, 18/ and permits for public warehouses; 19/ acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust fund loans; 20/ and approving bonds of township trustees. 21/

The auditor keeps a record of all the financial transactions of his office in cashbooks, 22/ warrant books, 23/ and fee books, 24/ and in such separate books as prescribed by statute. He is required to keep separate accounts for each specific item of appropriation by the county council 25/ and an accurate account current, with the treasurer, of county funds. 26/ He also keeps a transfer book, arranged by townships, cities, and towns, of all land conveyances in the county. 27/ He keeps the records of all the boards of which he is clerk or secretary and must preserve the documents, books, papers, and maps deposited in his office. 28/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Const., art. 6, sec. 2.

2/ Acts 1889; Burns 49-3003; Baldwin 5417.

3/ Acts 1841, ch. 2, sec. 1.

4/ Acts 1897; Burns 26-809; Baldwin 5257.

5/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Baldwin 5419.

6/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3004; Baldwin 5418.

7/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-509; Baldwin 5373.

8/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-310; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 15897-4.

9/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 61-629; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 13844-50.

- 10/ Acts 1919, 1920 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 64-1201; Baldwin 15700.
11/ Acts 1865, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin, 1935
 suppl., 6558.
12/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1403; Baldwin 15740.
13/ Acts 1933; Burns 64-810; Baldwin 15591.
14/ Acts 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 64-314; Baldwin, 1937
 suppl., 15897-8.
15/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-520; Baldwin 5384.
16/ Acts 1865; Burns 28-105; Baldwin 6511. Acts 1865, 1935;
 Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-209; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6558.
17/ Acts 1933; Burns 27-134; Baldwin 5770.
18/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 42-204; Baldwin 10447.
19/ Acts 1875, 1879 (Spec. Sess.); Burns 67-201; Baldwin 16206.
20/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3011; Baldwin 5425.
21/ Acts 1915; Burns 65-103; Baldwin 16061.
22/ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1401; Baldwin 7576.
23/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3005; Baldwin 5419.
24/ Acts 1895; Burns 49-1306; Baldwin 7559.
25/ Acts 1899; Burns 26-523; Baldwin 5387.
26/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3010; Baldwin 5423.
27/ Acts 1919; Burns 64-1409; Baldwin 15746.
28/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3004; Baldwin 5418.

242. STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS, 1910--. 4 file boxes.

1918-22, missing.

Reports of field examiner's audits of county official's accounts, and expense statements, showing report of audit, names of examiner, itemized list of expenditures, amount and number of voucher, and examiner's certificate. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

243. SETTLEMENT SHEETS, 1915-37. 1 vol.

Settlement sheets of tax collections giving amounts distributed to county tax units and State of Indiana, showing dates and amounts of all tax collections, amount due from treasurer to state, amount distributed to each taxing unit, charges and credits, monthly settlements, and auditor's signature. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 100 pp. 20 x 30 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

244. REGISTER OF ALLOWANCES, 1883--. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of allowances made by circuit court, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; name of payee; and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

245. ALLOWANCE FOR SPECIAL JUDGE, 1916--. 1 file box.

Record of allowances for special judges, showing disqualification of regular judge, name of special judge, dates and days presided, and amount allowed. Arr. chron. 3 x 5 x 12. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

- 245a. REPORTS TO AUDITOR, 1923--. 5 file boxes.

Reports to auditor. Contains: Costs in Change of Venue Cases, entry 246; Certificate of Inheritance Tax, entry 247; Reports of Fines, Justice of Peace, entry 249; Trustees' Yellow Slips, entry 255; Trustees' Certificates, entry 256; Trustees' Certificates, Robert W. Long Hospital, entry 257. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

246. COSTS IN CHANGE OF VENUE CASES, 1937--. In Reports to Auditor, entry 245a.

Transcripts of costs in change of venue cases, showing date of venue; case number; cause of action; names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and court; costs; signatures of judge and clerk; and volume and page numbers of Order Book.

247. CERTIFICATE OF INHERITANCE TAX, 1931--. In Reports to Auditor, entry 245a.

Inheritance tax certificates, showing names of estate, appraisers, and legatee; amount allowed for services and expenses of appraisers; date and amount of inheritance tax paid; and treasurer's quarterly report to auditor of state.

248. REGISTER OF RETURNS, 1933--. 1 vol.

Record of returns of tax collections filed by banks, and record of payment, showing date filed, duplicate and receipt numbers, assessed value of taxables, amount paid, and names of bank and taxing unit.

Arr. by taxing units. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

249. REPORTS OF FINES, Justice of Peace, 1936--. In Reports to Auditor, entry 245a.

Report of fines collected by justice of peace, showing date and amount paid; names of plaintiff, defendant, township, and justice of peace; and signature of justice of peace.

250. TAX LEVY BUDGETS, 1934--. 1 file box.

Certificates of tax levies made by township trustee and advisory board for tax adjustment board, showing amount levied on each \$100 of property, amount levied on poll, total levies, name of township, proof of publication of levies, and signatures of trustee and advisory board members. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

251. MONTHLY TAX REPORTS, 1933--. 27 file drawers.

Monthly tax reports of banks and building and loan associations, showing name of bank, assessed value of taxables, amount of tax, and date of payment. Arr. chron. 12 x 2 x 24. Aud. off.

252. DOG TAX REPORTS, 1937--. 1 file box.

Annual reports to state auditor of unpaid claims for damage done by dogs, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; and names of township and claimant. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

Auditor. *Auditor's and T. reports*

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252a. DOG TAX REPORTS, 1904-33. 2 file boxes. 1914-30, missing.

Title varies: Trustee's Reports of Dog Fund.

Assessors' reports to auditor of dog tax collected and turned over to township trustee, showing date and amount collected, itemized list of collections, total collection, names of township and trustee, and signature of auditor. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

252b. TRUSTEE'S REPORT DOG FUND, 1905--. 4 file boxes.

Title varies: Dog Tax Reports.

Township trustees' annual reports to auditor of condition of dog fund, showing date; names of payee and payer; amount on hand at date of cash report; amounts received from township assessor, individuals, county treasurer, and fines and forfeitures; total revenue; amount turned over to county dog tax and tuition funds; total expenditures; and balance overdrawn. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

253. TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ADVISORY BOARD, 1909--.

118 vols. 1910, 1915-27, missing.

Township trustees' annual reports to advisory board, showing amounts of receipts and disbursements, and balances in all townships funds.

No index. Hdw. 60 pp. 11 x 16 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

254. TRUSTEE'S VOUCHERS, 1927-29. 3 file drawers.

Duplicate vouchers issued for expenses, showing date, number, and amount of voucher; fund number; purpose of payment; names of payee and fund debited; and signature of trustee. Arr. chron. 8 x 18 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

255. TRUSTEE'S YELLOW SLIPS, 1923-33. In Reports to Auditor, entry 245a. 1927-28, missing.

Trustees' quarterly reports to auditor and secretary of board of state charities, showing date and amount paid in each township, names of township and recipient, nature of aid given, date of report, and trustee's signature. Arr. chron. 1000 pp.

256. TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATES, 1931--. In Reports to Auditor, entry 245a.

Trustee's certificates to applicants for admission to Indiana State Sanitorium, showing name and address of applicant, date of certificate, and signature of trustee.

257. TRUSTEE'S CERTIFICATES, Robert W. Long Hospital, 1926--.

In Reports to Auditor, entry 245a.

Trustee's certificates of applicants for admission to Indiana University Hospital, showing report of local physician; names of trustee, township, and applicant; and date and signature of trustee.

Receipts and Disbursements

258. MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, 1925--. 4 vols.

Monthly financial statements of all county funds, showing dates and amounts received and disbursed, names of funds debited and credited, total receipts and disbursements, grand total, balance, and overdraft. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 18 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

259. DAILY CASH BOOK, 1918-22. 1 vol.

Record of fees collected for transfer of real estate, showing date of transfer, names of grantor and grantee, and amount of fees charged.

No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 6 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

260. AUDITOR'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1910--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Jan. 1, 1917-Dec. 31, 1925, missing.

Record of fees collected, showing date, amount, and source of payment; name of payer; total; and date and amount paid to county treasurer.

No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

261. LEDGER OF APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1907--. 7 vols.

Jan. 1925-Dec. 1928, missing. Title varies: Appropriations and Disbursements.

Record of appropriations and disbursements of county funds, showing dates appropriated and disbursed, number and amount of warrant, purpose of payment, balance in funds, and overdraft. Arr. by names of funds.

Hdw. 600 pp. 17 x 16 x 3. 5 vols., 1907-24, Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1929--, Aud. off.

262. REGISTER OF RECEIPTS, 1862-74. 1 vol. (2). 1 vol., prior to 1862, missing.

Record of receipts from treasurer, showing name of payer; and date, amount, number, and source of receipt. No index. Hdw. 400 pp.

16 x 10 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

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263. JOURNAL [Gravel Road Construction], 1908-17. 1 vol.

Record of bond issues and expenditures for construction of gravel roads, showing date and amount of bond issue for each township; bond payments; and date, amount, and purpose of disbursements.

Indexed alph. by names of constructions. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2.
Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

264. LEDGER, 1852-1910. 2 vols. (2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

June 1, 1866-Nov. 14, 1886, missing.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing dates and amounts received and disbursed, and purpose of disbursement. Arr. alph. by names of funds. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

265. LEDGER OF EXPENDITURES FOR FREE GRAVEL ROAD REPAIRS,

1914-31. 2 vols. (5, and 1 vol. not numbered).

County highway superintendents' ledgers of expenditures for repairs of free gravel roads, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; names of employees and vendors; nature and amount of labor performed; nature of repair; distance repaired; type of materials used; supervising officials' hours and salaries; road district number; and total costs.

Indexed alph. by names of claimants. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 14 x 2.
Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

266. REGISTER OF BONDS AND COUPONS, 1931-33. 3 bdls.

Distribution of funds from sale of bonds and coupons to townships for construction or repair of roads, showing total amount of bonds and coupons issued, names of bank and road, and amount of fund distributed to each township. No index. 15 x 20 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

267. CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1931--. 3 vols.

Certificates of distribution of funds to various taxing units, showing date; amount; warrant number; names of recipient, taxing unit, and fund debited; and total distribution. No index. Hdw. 300 pp.

9 x 13 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

268. REGISTER OF ORDERS, 1857-71. 3 vols. (3, and 2 vol. not numbered).

Register of orders drawn upon treasurer, showing date, number, and amount of order; name of payee; and purpose of payment. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 14 x 8 x 2. 1 vol., 1862-65, Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1857-71, stg. rm., bsmt.

269. REGISTER OF ORDERS REDEEMED, 1872-85. 2 vols.

Record of orders redeemed by treasurer, showing dates issued and redeemed; number, amount, and purpose of order; amount of interest allowed; and name of payee. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Rec. rm., bsmt.

270. COUNTY WARRANTS, 1930--. 7 vols. Title varies: 3 vols., 1930-32, Register of Warrants and Receipts.

Record of warrants issued for payment of various claims, showing appropriation, warrant, and claim numbers; date, amount, and purpose of payment; and names of claimant and fund debited. Arr. chron., and thereunder by claim nos. Typed. 1100 pp. 18 x 12 x 6. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

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271. CANCELLED WARRANTS, 1924---. 30 file boxes. 1926-29, missing.

Original and canceled warrants, showing appropriation, claim, and warrant numbers; date, amount, and purpose of payment; names of depository, payee, and fund debited; and auditor's signature. Arr. chron., and thereunder by claim nos. 16 file boxes, 11 x 4 x 14; 14 file boxes, 6 x 10 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

272. OLD AGE PENSION WARRANTS, 1936---. 2 vols.

Copy of warrants paid for old age pensions, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; and name of payee. No index. Typed. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

273. POOR RELIEF LEDGER FORMS, 1935---. 1 vol.

Monthly record of township poor relief, showing receipt and warrant numbers, dates and amount received or disbursed, name of township, total received and disbursed, and balance. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

274. TRUSTEE'S ORDERS, Poor Relief, 1929---. 6 file boxes; 30 bdl.

Transcripts of orders for temporary relief, showing date, number, amount, and nature of order; names of vendor and recipient; and signature of trustee. File boxes, arr. chron. Condition fair. 1 file box, 8 x 20 x 16; 5 file boxes, 11 x 4 x 14; bdl., 10 x 5 x 3. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

275. REGISTER OF POOR FUND CLAIMS, 1935---. 1 vol.

Record of township poor fund claims, showing claim and warrant numbers; dates filed and paid; names of vendor, township, and recipient; classification; correction by auditor; amount paid from federal and townships relief funds; nature of claim; and auditor's signature. Arr. by twps., and thereunder chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 12 x 16 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

276. TREASURER'S RECEIPTS, 1933--. 2 file boxes; 1 file drawer.

Copies of receipts of money received by treasurer, showing date, number, and amount of receipt; name of payer; purpose of payment; and treasurer's signature. Arr. chron. File boxes, 11 x 4 x 14; file drawer, 6 x 14 x 24. 2 file boxes, 1933-35, Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.; 1 file drawer, 1936--, Aud. off.

Taxes

Appraisement

277. TRANSFER BOOK, 1846--. 100 vols.

Record of transfers of real estate, showing date of transfer; number and type of instrument; location, description, and valuation of real estate; names of town, additions, grantor, and grantee; and amount of fees charged. Arr. alph. by names of grantors. Hdw. 267 pp. 15 x 11 x 2. 86 vols., 1846-1927, Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.; 14 vols., 1928--, Aud. off.

Lists

278. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1932--. 114 vols.

Assessors' guide books on personal and real property assessments, showing date; name of property owner; location, description, and valuation of land improvements and in and out-lots; list of personals; and mortgage and soldiers' exemptions. Arr. by taxing units, and thereunder alph. by names of property owners. Hdw. 60 pp. 18 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

279. ASSESSMENT LISTS, 1933--. 128 vols.

Schedules of personal property for taxation, showing date; name, age, and address of owner; name of wife or husband; list and valuation of personal property; name of taxing unit; and signature of county assessor. Arr. alph. by names of owners. Hdw. 600 pp. 14 x 8 x 3. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

Returns

280. ABSTRACTS, 1916--. 1 vol.

Assessment value of railroads, utility companies, and real estate, showing date; names of city or town, taxing unit, and property owner; duplicate number; location and description of property; exemptions; and rate of tax. Arr. by taxing units. Hdw. 100 pp. 20 x 30 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

281. CORPORATION ASSESSMENTS, 1931--. 3 file boxes.

Assessed valuation of properties of public utilities, showing date, duplicate number, name of company, number of miles of public service tracks, lines and mains in each township, and total taxes assessed each corporation. Arr. chron. 11 x 4 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

Delinquent and Erroneous

282-283. MORTGAGE EXEMPTION, 1903--. 19 vols. (5 sets 1-3, and 4 vols. not numbered). 1904-8, 1925-33, missing.

Lists of mortgage exemptions and affidavits of indebtedness, showing date of affidavit; location, description and assessed valuation of

property; amounts of mortgage and taxes deducted; names of township or corporation, affiant, and mortgagee; signature of affiant; and volume and page numbers of Mortgage Record. 1903-24, arr. alph. by names of mortgagors; 1933-- , arr. by twps., and thereunder arr. alph. by names of affiants. 1903-24, typed; 1933-- , hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

284. MINUTE OF DEEDS, 1846-1902. 1 vol.

Register of deeds of lands sold for delinquent taxes, showing dates of deed and sale, certificate number, location and description of property, amounts of delinquent tax and sale, and names of owner and purchaser. No index. Hdw. 240 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

285. WORK SHEETS, 1935-- . 1 pigeon hole.

Work sheets of delinquent taxes and penalties taken from tax duplicates, showing date, name of taxpayer, amount of delinquent tax and penalty, and total. Arr. by taxing units. 30 x 24 x 14. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

286. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1853-- . 10 vols.

(2 sets 1-3, 2-3, 2, and 1 vol. not numbered). 1863-71,

1876-1909, missing. Title varies: 8 vols., 1872-75,

Delinquent Record.

Record of lands and lots returned delinquent on account of unpaid taxes, showing date delinquent; duplicate number; names of owner and taxing unit; location, description, and valuation of property; amount of delinquent taxes, including penalty and interest; and cost of advertising. Arr. by taxing units, and thereunder alph. by names of taxpayers. Hdw. 460 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 8 vols., 1872-75, Rec. rm., bsmt.; 2 vols., 1910-- , Tr. off.

287. REGISTER OF TAX SALES, 1844--. 6 vols. (1, 3-5, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of sale of lands and lots for delinquent taxes, showing date of sale; duplicate and certificate numbers; names of owner, taxing unit, purchaser, and redeemer; location and description of property; amounts of delinquent taxes and sale; and date of redemption. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

288. [TAX CERTIFICATE, SALE OF REAL ESTATE], 1924--. 1 file box.

Record of real estate sold for taxes, showing description of property, amount and date of sale, and names of owner and purchaser. Arr. chron. 3 x 5 x 12. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

Plat Books

289. PLAT BOOK, 1932--. 11 vols.

Assessors' plat books for assessments of real estate, showing date; names of owner and taxing unit; location, description, and valuation of land and improvements; and section number. Indexed by section nos. Hdw. 80 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

290. PLAT BOOK, 1895. 1 vol. (2). 1 vol., prior to 1895, missing.

Plats of each township and incorporated town, showing name of owner, location and description of property, and section number. No index. Handdrawn and hdw. Condition fair. 18 pp. 30 x 24 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

291. PLAT BOOK ROAD DISTRICTS, 1846-54. 1 vol.

Record of road work done by land owner and deducted from taxes, showing date, amount, and nature of labor performed; road district number; amount of taxes deducted; names of land owner and supervisor; and salaries.

No index. Hdw. 240 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

School Funds

292. REPORTS TO STATE SUPERINTENDENT, 1919--. 1 vol.

Copy of reports to state superintendent of public instruction, showing date, semi-annual apportionment and distribution of school revenue to various townships, condition of congressional township and common school funds, special school funds, and financial report. Arr. chron.

Hdw. and typed. 600 pp. 8 x 12 x 3. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

293. RECORD OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP FUND, 1915-18. 1 vol.

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date and amount received or disbursed, receipt or warrant number, purpose of disbursement, amount in trust, name of township, and total received and disbursed. No index.

Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 16 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

294. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1853--. 6 vols. (1-4, 2, and 1 vol. not numbered). Title varies: 2 vols., 1853-78, Register of Loans; 1 vol., 1878-99, Register of Principal and Interest; 1 vol., 1899-1915, Register of School Trust Funds.

Record of school fund loans, showing dates of mortgage and recording, loan and receipt numbers, names of mortgagor and mortgagee, location

and description of property, amount of mortgage, date and amount due, dates and amounts of principal and interest paid, date and amount due, and volume and page numbers of School Fund Mortgage Record. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagors. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 4 vols., 1853-1915, Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.; 2 vols., 1907--, Aud. off.

295. [SCHOOL FUND MORTGAGES], 1908--. In [School Fund Loans and Approval], entry 208.

Files of original mortgages securing school fund loans, showing date, amount of loan, name of mortgagor, and on the reverse side signatures of members of school fund board and approval of auditor.

296. INVENTORY OF TRUST OR SCHOOL FUNDS LOANED, 1907--. 1 vol. Inventories of trust or school funds loaned, showing date, number, and original amount of loan; amounts paid and unpaid; date of last interest payment; amount of interest due; amount of fund represented by forfeited land; total balance in each fund; and volume and page numbers of Register of School Fund Loans. No index. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

297. RECORD OF CONDITION OF COMMON SCHOOL AND CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP FUNDS AND READJUSTMENTS, 1915-26. 1 vol.

Record of condition of common school and congressional township funds and readjustments, showing date, amount of fund on hand at beginning of period, transactions, amount of distribution to various funds, balance in each fund, and total amount of funds on hand at end of period. No index. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 16 x 2. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

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298. [LEDGER, SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS], 1849-52. 1 vol.

School commissioners' record of principal and interest of school funds, showing date and amount received or disbursed, township and range numbers, and volume and page numbers of Journal. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 80 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

299. RECORD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS, 1835-53. 3 vols.

Record of proceedings by board of school commissioners of sale of school lands, showing date purchased; amount of sale; location, description, and valuation of land; name of purchaser; number of mortgage accounts; principal and interest; total amount of receipts; and lands returned. No index. Hdw. Condition fair. 200 pp. 12 x 8 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

Official Bonds

300. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1908--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Copies of miscellaneous bonds, including county and city officials' and liquor retailers', showing date, number, amount, and condition of bond; names of principal and surety; and dates accepted and approved by auditor. Indexed alph. by names of principals. Typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

Miscellaneous

301. ENUMERATION OF WHITE AND COLORED MALES OVER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS, 1871-1931. 73 vols.

Enumeration of white and colored males in each township over the age of 21

years, showing date, name, age, color, and number of each. Arr. alph. by names of males. Hdw. 110 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. 53 vols., 1871-1925, rec. rm., bsmt.; 20 vols., 1931, Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

302. PROCEEDINGS, ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1873-1923.

1 vol.

Record of proceedings of township trustees in elections of county superintendents of schools, showing date and place of meeting, names of trustees present, and superintendent elect, number of votes cast for each candidate, total votes, decision, amount and obligations of bond, and signatures of trustees and sureties. No index. Hdw. 240 pp. 14 x 10 x 1. Tr. and Aud. rec. rm.

303. ENROLLMENT OF SOLDIERS, THEIR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS, 1890-94.

22 vols.

Copies of enrollment of Spanish-American War soldiers, and their widows, and orphans, showing date and place of enlistment; name, age, race, occupation, type of service, company, regiment, and rank of soldier; enrollment number; physical condition in service; names and address of widow and orphans; and family data. Arr. alph. by names of soldiers. Hdw. 60 pp. 16 x 10 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Rec. rm., bsmt.

Map

304. MAP OF FOUNTAIN COUNTY, 1914. 1 map.

Communications map, showing townships, county gravel roads, stone roads, mail routes, school houses, railroads, churches, cemeteries, and populations of towns and townships. Drawn by Henry Fenton Ross. Published at Attica, Ind., by Ross Brothers. Printed. Scale: $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. to 1 mi. 40 x 32. Aud. off.

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XVI. REGISTRATION OFFICER

The registration officer of Mountain County is the clerk of the circuit court, ex officio, by authority of an act of 1933. 1/

The Constitution of 1851 prescribed the qualifications of voters 2/ and an amendment of 1881 enjoined the general assembly to provide for the registration of all persons entitled to vote. 3/ Various laws for registration have been enacted: An act of 1867, establishing a township board of registry 4/ was repealed in 1869; 5/ acts of 1889 6/ and 1891, 7/ providing for registration in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, were declared unconstitutional in 1890 8/ and 1896, 9/ respectively; an act of 1911, providing for a precinct registration board, 10/ was repealed in 1917; 11/ an act of 1917, creating a board of registration commissioners, generally called the registration board, consisting of the clerk of the circuit court and two qualified electors appointed by him, one from each of the major political parties, 12/ was abolished in 1919 13/ and succeeded by precinct boards established by an act of that year; 14/ an act of 1925, created a registration board, consisting of the auditor and a person of opposite political faith, appointed by him. 15/ In 1927 all preceding acts from 1919 were repealed. 16/ The present system was established by the act of 1933, amended in 1935. 17/

The registration officer has full charge and control of the registration of the voters and provides all the necessary books and supplies for the registering of the voters. 18/

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Records compiled under the early laws outlined above are in the custody of the officer charged with their care, either the auditor or the clerk. Current records are in the office of the clerk of the circuit court as ex-officio registration officer. 19/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns. 1937 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304.
 - 2/ Const., art. 2, sec. 2.
 - 3/ Const., art. 2, sec. 14.
 - 4/ Acts 1867, ch. 51, sec. 2.
 - 5/ Acts 1869 (Spec. Sess.), ch. 31, sec. 1.
 - 6/ Acts 1889, ch. 87, sec. 13.
 - 7/ Acts 1891, ch. 144, sec. 1.
 - 8/ 125 Ind. 281.
 - 9/ 144 Ind. 423.
 - 10/ Acts 1911, ch. 150, sec. 3.
 - 11/ Acts 1917, ch. 139, sec. 47.
 - 12/ Ibid., sec. 4.
 - 13/ Acts 1919, ch. 150, sec. 1.
 - 14/ Ibid., ch. 186, sec. 4.
 - 15/ Acts 1925, ch. 138, sec. 1.
 - 16/ Acts 1927, ch. 195, sec. 1.
 - 17/ Acts 1933, 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 29-306; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 7304.
 - 18/ Acts 1933; Burns 29-309; Baldwin 7307.
 - 19/ Acts 1933; Burns 29-315; 29-316; Baldwin 7313, 7314.

305. REGISTRATION CARDS, 1934--.. 190 file boxes.

Registration cards of qualified voters, showing date and number of registration, name, address, ward, and precinct number of elector; political affiliations; and signatures of registration officer and elector. Arr. alph. by names of electors. 8 x 1 x 24. Clk. rec. rm.

Registration Officer

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306. REGISTRATION BOOK, 1912-26, 1934--.

Record of registration of voters, showing date; numbers of registration, and precinct; and name, residence, age, nationality, and place of birth of elector. Arr. by twps., and thereunder by precinct nos. Hdw. 155 pp. 14 x 11 x 1. 192 vols., 1912-26, rec. rm. bsmt; 53 vols., 1934-- Clk. rec. rm.

307. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS BALLOTS, 1920--.,

4 vols., (3, and 3 vols. not numbered). 1927-34, missing.

Record of absent voters' ballots, showing dates of application, ballot, and return; and name, residence, ward, and precinct number of elector; and names of electors' witnesses. Arr. by twps., and thereunder by precinct nos. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 13 x 1½. 3 vols., 1920-26, rec. rm. bsmt.; 1 vol., 1935--, Clk. rec. rm.

308. APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION FOR MALE AND FEMALE VOTERS,

1926. 1 file drawer; 1 bdl.

Applications for registration of male and female voters, showing date of application; and name, address, age, and sex of voters. Arr. by precinct nos. Bdl., 16 x 16 x 14; file drawer, 18 x 16 x 14. Aud-Tr. rec. rm.

309. INTENTION TO BECOME ELECTORS, 1890-92. 1 vol.

Record of intention to become qualified voters, showing date of notice; name, age, and residence of elector; name of city, town, or township; and ward and precinct numbers. Arr. alph. by names of electors. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Rec. rm. bsmt.

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XVII. BOARD OF PRIMARY ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The board of primary election commissioners of Fountain County was established by an act of 1915. The board consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the major political parties, nominated by the respective chairmen of the county committees of the parties. The primary election commissioners serve as election commissioners at the election for which nominations in the primary are made. 1/

The board prepares and distributes the primary ballots and supervises primary elections for the nomination of candidates for judicial, legislative, county, township, and city offices, and for the election of party officers and delegates. 2/

Record of primary election matters are filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court (a member of the board of primary election commissioners) for preservation as provided by statute. 3/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7197.

2/ Acts 1915; Burns 29-501; Baldwin 7187. Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7190. Acts 1915, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 29-515; Baldwin. 1937 suppl., 7201. Acts 1933; Burns 29-1807; Baldwin 11639.

3/ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1009; Baldwin 7113. Acts 1911, 1913, 1915; Burns 29-2508; Baldwin 7445. Acts 1911; Burns 29-2510; Baldwin 7447.

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310. CANDIDATES' STATEMENT OF EXPENSES, 1913-36. 4 file boxes.

Candidates statement of expenses. Contains: Candidates' Statement of Expenses, Primary, entry 311; Candidates' Statement of Expenses, General, entry 313. No index. 11 x 4 x 14. Clk. rec. rm.

311. CANDIDATES' STATEMENT OF EXPENSES, PRIMARY, 1913-36.

In Candidates' Statement of Expenses, entry 310.

Statements of election expenses by candidates, showing date of election; name, address, and political affiliations of candidate; amount of expenditures; and signature of clerk.

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XVIII. BOARD OF CANVASSERS

The board of canvassers of Fountain County, consisting of the election commissioners, was established by an act of 1905. 1/ The members are the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the major political parties, nominated by the respective chairmen of the county committees of the parties. 2/ The board elects its own chairman and its clerk is the clerk of the circuit court. 3/

Prior to 1905, the board of canvassers, as first established under the authority of the revised statutes of 1852, consisted of all the precinct inspectors of election of the county. 4/

The members of the board are required to assemble at six o'clock, p.m., on the day of each election to canvass and estimate the certificates, poll lists, and tally papers returned by the election inspectors; 5/ to tabulate therefrom the votes of the county; 6/ and to declare in a certified statement the candidates elected in the county. 7/

Such certificates, together with a statement of all votes tabulated, canvass sheets, poll books, and tally papers, are delivered to the clerk of the circuit court and filed and preserved by him in his office, open to the inspection of any legal voter. 8/

1/ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377.

2/ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109.

3/ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1402; Baldwin 7378.

4/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 31, sec. 32.

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- 5/ Acts 1905, 1927; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377.
- 6/ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404; Baldwin 7380.
- 7/ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1405; Baldwin 7381.
- 8/ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1404; Baldwin 7380.

No records could be found.

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XIX. BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

The board of election commissioners of Fountain County was established by an act of 1889. The board consists of the clerk of the circuit court, and two persons appointed by him, one from each of the major political parties, nominated by the respective chairmen of the county committees of the parties. 1/ The primary election commissioners, since 1915, serve as the election commissioners at general elections. 2/ The board of election commissioners, since 1905, constitutes the board of canvassers. 3/

The board supervises general elections and prints and distributes ballots for the election of county officers. The ballots are prepared in accordance with petitions for placing candidates' names on the ballot and with certificates of nomination by convention or primary election, as filed with the clerk of the circuit court. 4/

Records of all general elections are filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court (a member of the board of election commissioners) for preservation as provided by statute. 5/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109.

2/ Acts 1915, 1917; Burns 29-504; Baldwin 7197.

3/ Acts 1905; Burns 29-1401; Baldwin 7377.

4/ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1002; Baldwin 7109. Acts 1899, 1933; Burns 29-1003; Baldwin 7110.

5/ Acts 1889; Burns 29-1009; Baldwin 7113; Acts 1911, 1913, 1915; Burns 29-2508; Baldwin 7445. Acts 1911; Burns 29-2510; Baldwin 7447.

312. ELECTION COMMISSIONERS' RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS' BALLOTS,

Oct. 19-Nov. 2, 1936. 1 vol.

Record of absent voters' ballots, showing dates of application, ballot, and return; name and residence of elector; names of township and ward; and precinct number. Arr. by twps., and thereunder by precincts. Hdw. 200 pp. 9 x 16 x 1. Clk. rec. rm.

313. CANDIDATES' STATEMENT OF EXPENSES, GENERAL, 1913--.

In Candidates' Statement of Expenses, entry 310.

Statement of election expenses by candidates, showing date of election; name, address, and political affiliation of candidate; amount of expenditures; and signature of clerk.

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XX. BOARD OF EDUCATION

The board of education of Fountain County, under the authority of an act of 1877, consists of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town of the county. The majority of the members constitutes a quorum, and the superintendent of schools presides at its meetings and has a vote on all questions. 1/

The board was first established by an act of 1873 with the same membership except that all the school trustees of each town and township of the county were members. 2/

The board meets semiannually on the first day of May and September to consider the general needs of the schools and to provide for the maintenance of school property and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. 3/ It may purchase textbooks from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost 4/ or rent them to pupils at not to exceed twenty-five per cent of the retail price. 5/

All the records are located in the private office of the superintendent of schools, in the courthouse.

1/ Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5983.

2/ Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 8.

3/ Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5893.

4/ Acts 1921; Burns 28-614; Baldwin 6692.

5/ Acys 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-638; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 6692-1.

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314. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD OF MEETINGS, BOARD OF
EDUCATION, 1899--. 1 vol.

Minutes of meetings of board of education, showing date and place of meeting, names of members present, nature of business transacted, action of board, and signature of chairman. No index. 1899-Oct. 2, 1933, hdw.; Nov. 6, 1933-July 2, 1934, hdw.; and typed; Sept. 3, 1934--, typed.. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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XXI. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The superintendent of schools of Fountain County is elected by the township trustees for a four-year term, under the authority of an act of 1899 and later amendments, which increased his powers as originally defined in an act of 1873. 1/ No person is eligible to the office of superintendent of schools who has not had five years' successful experience as a teacher and who does not hold a first or second grade superintendent's license. 2/ The superintendent must execute a bond of five thousand dollars, approved by the auditor. 3/

Prior to 1899, the board of commissioners, by an act of 1853, appointed one to three school examiners for the county; 4/ by an act of 1861, one school examiner. 5/ The title of school examiner was changed to superintendent of schools and the power of appointment was transferred to the township trustee, by an act of 1873.

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The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools outside of incorporated cities and towns of Fountain County. 7/ His duties are to visit the schools in session for the purpose of increasing their usefulness and raising their standards as uniformly as practicable; 8/ to conduct county teachers' institutes 9/ and conduct and preside over township institutes; 10/ to report as to teachers' preparation, experience, and license before they are employed; 11/ to compile the enumeration of pupils of the county 12/ and from such returns make out the apportionment of

the school revenues; 13/ and to carry out the orders of the state board of education and the state superintendent of public instruction. 14/ He is ex-officio member of the county board of education and presides at its meetings. 15/

The superintendent keeps a record of minutes of his proceedings 16/ and a complete record of licenses held by all regular school teachers, date of employment, and their success grades.

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All records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Acts 1873, ch. 25c sec. 3-4, 6-8. Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702; Baldwin 5931.
 - 2/ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-701; Baldwin, 1935 suppl., 5933-1.
 - 3/ Acts 1899, 1911, 1913; Burns 28-702; Baldwin 5931.
 - 4/ Acts 1853, ch. 106, sec. 6.
 - 5/ Acts 1861, ch. 41, sec. 32.
 - 6/ Acts 1873, ch. 25, sec. 2.
 - 7/ Acts 1873; Burns 28-1401; Baldwin 5973. Acts 1899; Burns 28-705; Baldwin 5940.
 - 8/ Acts 1899; Burns 28-704; Baldwin 5938.
 - 9/ Acts 1907, 1929, 1933; Burns 28-4402; Baldwin 6725.
 - 10/ Acts 1899; Burns 28-706; Baldwin 5942.
 - 11/ Acts 1927, 1933; Burns 28-4309; Baldwin 6005.
 - 12/ Acts 1865, 1873, 1895; Burns 28-702; Baldwin 5948.
 - 13/ Acts 1865; Burns 28-715; Baldwin 5949.
 - 14/ Acts 1899; Burns 28-704; Baldwin 5938.
 - 15/ Acts 1873, 1977; Burns 28-801; Baldwin 5983.
 - 16/ Acts 1915; Baldwin 5945.
 - 17/ Acts 1923; Burns 28-4217; Baldwin 5928.

Activities and Reports

315. ✓COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD✓, 1873-79. 1 vol.

Record of teacher's licenses and school data, showing date of

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liconso, name of teacher, place teaching, nature of school, and report on school. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 10 x 15 x 1. Stg. rm., bsmt.

316. RECORD OF MANUSCRIPTS, 1899-1923. 1 vol.

Record of manuscripts of applicants subject to examination, and qualifications for teacher's licenses, showing date of application; name, address, and success grade of applicant; grade of liconso issued; and amount of fees paid. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Stg. rm., bsmt.

317. SUPERINTENDENT'S VISITING RECORD, 1907-8. 2 vols.

Record of superintendent's visits and reports on condition of schools, showing date of visit; name, condition, and educational facilities of school; name and qualifications of teacher; and number of students enrolled. Arr. by twps. Hdw. 180 pp. 6 x 4 x $\frac{3}{4}$. Stg. rm., bsmt.

318-319. STATE AID SCHEDULE CLAIMS, 1929--. 2 file boxes.

Title varies: Estimated Needs of State Aid Schools.

Reports of estimated needs and claims, showing date of report, nature and amount of estimated assistance, number of teachers employed, semi-annual report of claims, statement of financial condition of relief fund corporation, amount of taxables, apportionment and distribution, expenses, transfers, receipts, claims, daily attendance for township or corporation, and verified certificates of trustees and school superintendent. No index.

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319a. [SCHOOL PAPERS], 1929--. 4 file boxes.

School Papers. Contain: [Transfer Distribution], entry 320;
[Orders for New-type Tests], entry 321; [School Rating Sheets],
 entry 322; [Standard Indiana Teachers' Record], entry 324;
[Examination Grades and Teacher's Report], entry 335;
[Aggregate Attendance Reports], entry 342; [Pupils' Home Record],
 entry 343. For indexing, see entries 322, 334, 335, 342, and
 343. 3 file boxes, 18 x 14 x 15; 1 file box, 12 x 10 x 24.
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320. [TRANSFER DISTRIBUTION], 1935--. In [School Papers],
 entry 319a.

Report of first and second distribution of tuition transfer
 credits, showing date of report, amount per capita and apportion-
 ment to each township, and signature of state superintendent
 of public instruction.

321. [ORDERS FOR NEW-TYPE TESTS], 1936--.

In [School Papers], entry 319a.

Orders for new-type tests to be used on examinations, showing
 date of order, quantity, grade, sale price, and total cost.

322. [SCHOOL RATING SHEETS], 1929--.

In [School Papers], entry 319a.

Report of inspection and rating of schools, showing dates of
 inspection and report; inspection number; name, grades,

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furnishings, and equipment of each school; names of teachers; and township; promotion and graduation of pupil; and name and recommendations of inspector. Arr. chron.

323. ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTS, 1930--. 2 file boxes.

Copies of annual reports of elementary and high schools, for the purpose of determining apportionment of state school fund, showing date of report; number of administrative, supervisory, and teaching faculties; and daily attendance. Arr. chron.

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324. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS, 1879-89. 1 vol.

Record of enumeration of white and colored children, between the age of 5 and 21 years, showing date of report; names, addresses, color, and number of males and females; name of township; and total. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 15 x 11 x 1½. Stg. rm., bsmt.

325-26-27. FINANCIAL REPORT, 1929--. 2 file boxes.

Trustee's financial reports to the county superintendent, and county superintendent's and trustee's reports to the state superintendent of public instruction, showing date and amount; received or disbursed, purpose of disbursement, total amount received or disbursed, cost per pupil, statement of indebtedness, name of fund debited or credited, and balance in each fund. No index. 1 file box, 15 x 2 x 12; 1 file box, 12 x 12 x 24. Supt. Sch. pvt. off.

327a. APPORTIONMENT OF SCHOOL REVENUE, 1934--. 1 file box.

Apportionment of School Revenue, Contains: [Congressional Township and Common School Fund Report], entry 328; [Semi-Annual Report of School Revenue For Apportionment], entry 329; [Report of Distribution of School Revenue], entry 330; [Report of Special School Revenue], entry 331. No index. 15 x 2 x 12. Supt. Sch. pvt. off.

328. [CONGRESSIONAL TOWNSHIP AND COMMON SCHOOL FUND REPORT]

1935--. In Apportionment of School Revenue, entry 327a.

Copies of annual reports on financial condition of congressional township and common school funds by board of county commissioners to state superintendent of public instruction, showing date of report, amount received or disbursed, purpose of disbursement, names of funds debited or credited, balance in each fund, and signatures of commissioners and auditor.

329. [SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL REVENUE FOR APPORTIONMENT]

1935--. In Apportionment of School Revenue, entry 327a.

Copies of auditor's semi-annual reports to state superintendent of public instruction, of apportionment of school revenue, showing date of report, amount of revenue and interest ready for apportionment, and amount to be distributed to each fund.

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330. REPORT OF DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL REVENUE, 1934--.

In Apportionment of School Revenue, entry 327a.

Copies of auditor's reports to state superintendent of public instruction on his distribution of school revenue; showing date of report, and amount of revenue apportioned and distributed to various school corporations and funds.

331. REPORT OF SPECIAL SCHOOL REVENUE, 1935--.

In Apportionment of School Revenue, entry 327a.

Copies of auditor's report to superintendent of public instruction on special school revenues collected; showing date of report; amount of revenue collected, and source.

Enumeration

332. ENUMERATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, 1915-22. 1 bdl.

Report of enumeration of school children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, showing date of report; name, age, and place of birth of child; and names and address of parents or guardian. No index. Condition fair. 14 x 8 x 13. Stg. rm., bsmt.

Teachers

333. APPLICATIONS FOR TEACHING POSITION, 1933--. 2 file boxes.

Applications for position as school teacher, showing date of application; name, address, personal description, nationality, qualification, and religion of applicant; type of position

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desired; name of educational center attended; character references; and signature of applicant. No index. 10 x 3 x 12. 1 file box, 1933-36, stg. rm., bsmt.; 1 file box, 1936-- , Supt. pvt. off.

334. STANDARD INDIANA TEACHERS' RECORD, 1917--.

In School Papers, entry 319a.

Standard record of teachers' qualifications and licenses, showing date, period of training, degree, names of educational center attended and school teaching, success grade, years of experience, grade or subject taught, kind and serial number of certificate, date license issued and expired, name and address of teacher, and monthly salary. Arr. alph. by names of teachers.

335. EXAMINATION GRADES AND TEACHER'S REPORT, 1922--.

In School Papers, entry 319a.

Second semi-annual examination grades, and teacher's reports to successor, showing date school term ended; names of township, school, teacher, and pupils; subjects covered; grade attained; nature of school program; annual statistical report; and final reports. Arr. by names of twps.

336. RECORD OF TEACHER'S EXAMINATION, 1908-15. 2 vols.

Record of examinations for teacher's licenses, showing date of examination, name and address of teacher, and grade made in examination. No index. Hdw. 150 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. Stg. rm., bsmt.

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337. OLD TEACHING RECORDS, 1913-25. 1 file box.

Record of teachers, showing name and address of teacher, success grade, nature of subjects qualified to teach, and date of last school term. Arr. alph. by names of teachers. 12 x 5 x 24. Supt. sch. pvt. off.

338. TEACHER'S SUCCESS SCHEDULES, 1937--.

2 vols.

Copies of teacher's success schedules, sent to state superintendent of public instruction, by superintendent of schools; showing date, name, address, and success grade of teacher; nature of subjects taught; number of months teaching; school term; names of county and township; and school superintendent's signature. No index. Hdw. 60 pp. 11 x 8 x $\frac{1}{4}$. Supt. sch. pvt. off.

339. RECORD, TEACHER'S REPORT, 1860-67. 1 vol.

Record of term reports by teachers, showing date of report, number in attendance, and type of books used. Arr. by school district nos. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1. Stg. rm., bsmt.

Pupils

340. SCHOOL REGISTER, 1892-96. 1 vol.

Register of pupils, showing date registered; daily attendance; and program; name, age, grade, and general average and rank in class of pupil; examination grades; names of teacher and school; and teacher's report to successor. No index. Hdw. 40 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Stg. rm., bsmt.

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341. RECORD OF GRADUATES, 1893-1932. 2 vols.

Record of graduates, showing date of certificate; name, age, and general average of student; and names of teacher, trustee, superintendent, and township. Arr. by townships. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Stg. rm., bsmt.

342. AGGREGATE ATTENDANCE REPORTS, 1932--.

In (School Papers), entry 319a.

Report of aggregate attendance of pupils, showing date of report, name of school, number of days in term, number of pupils enrolled, grades reported on, aggregate attendance, number of pupils absent during term, and signature of school board treasurer. Arr. chron.

343. PUPILS HOME RECORD, 1934--.

In (School Papers), entry 319a.

Report of pupils' home record at the opening of school, showing date; name, age, sex, and grade of pupil; and name, address, and occupation of parents. Arr. alph. by names of twps. or schools.

344. INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL RECORD, 1930--. 2 file boxes.

Record of high school students, showing date; name, age, and birthdate of student; schools attended; number of credits received; dates entering and leaving school; cause of withdrawal; and name and address of parent or guardian. Arr. by school corporations, and thereunder alph. by names of pupils. 8 x 11 x 14. Supt. sch. off.

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XXII. HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The health commissioner of Fountain County is elected by the board of commissioners for a four-year term, under the authority of an act of 1909. 1/ He must be a licensed physician, well informed in sanitary science and hygiene, and skilled in the preventive management of infectious and contagious diseases. He is required to pass an examination in hygiene and sanitary science, prescribed by the state board of health, 2/ and to give bond in the amount that the board of commissioners determines. 3/

From 1881 to 1909 the board of commissioners constituted ex-officio the county board of health and elected annually a secretary, who was a physician and served as health officer. 4/ An act *of* 1891 enlarged the duties of the board and its secretary was its executive officer. 5/ The act of 1909 abolished the board of health.

The health commissioner enforces the health laws of the state and the rules and regulations of the state board of health, 6/ oversees inspection of food and drugs, 7/ condemns buildings unfit for human habitation, 8/ and issues burial permits. 9/ He makes inspections of all public buildings and institutions and of private property; investigates the presence, source, and cause of disease, and establishes quarantine; if necessary, closes schools and churches and forbids public gatherings in order to prevent epidemics; and protects the public health in all reasonable and necessary ways. He makes monthly reports of his work to the state board of health. 10/

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The health commissioner collects, records, and reports the vital statistics of the county, and keeps full and permanent records of the public health work and of his reports. 11/

(An act of 1935, effective January 1, 1938, changes the title of health commissioner to health officer and augments his duties and powers.) 12/

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- 1/ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108; Baldwin 8402.
 - 2/ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 31-110; Baldwin 8404.
 - 3/ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108; Baldwin 8402.
 - 4/ Rev. Stat. 1881, sec. 4993.
 - 5/ Acts 1891, ch. 15, sec. 8.
 - 6/ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111; Baldwin 8405.
 - 7/ Acts 1907; Burns 35-1207; Baldwin 8476.
 - 8/ Acts 1917; Burns 35-1801; Baldwin 8563.
 - 9/ Acts 1907, 1913; Burns 35-115; Baldwin 8398.
 - 10/ Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-111; Baldwin 8405.
 - 11/ Ibid. Acts 1891, 1909; Burns 35-108; Baldwin 8402.
 - 12/ Acts 1935; Burns, 1937 suppl., 35-118 to 35-129; Baldwin 1935 suppl., 8404-1 to 8404-12.

Vital Statistics

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345. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1888--. 10 vols.

Records of births, showing date and place of birth; name, sex, and description of child; number of children in family; and name, address, and occupation of parents. Indexed alph. by names of children. Hdw. Condition fair. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 1. Dr. Stanfield's off., Yocom- Allen Bldg., Attica, Ind.

346. RECORD OF RETURN OF MARRIAGES, 1931--. 1 vol.

Record of marriage returns, showing date and place of marriage; name, age, address, and birthplace of bride and groom; marital

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status; occupation; name of party performing ceremony; and name, address, and occupation of parents. Cross indexed alph. by names of brides and grooms. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Dr. Stanfield's off., Yocom-Allen Bldg., Attica, Ind.

347. RECORD OF CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, 1924--. 1 vol.

Record of contagious diseases, showing dates reported and quarantine established; name and address of informant; name, address, age, sex, and color of patient; nature of disease; name of attending physician; and date quarantine released. Arr. chron. Hdw. 125 pp. 16 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Dr. Stanfield's office, Yocom-Allen Bldg., Attica, Ind.

348. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1916--. 1 vol.

Record of deaths, showing date of certificate; name, address, age, occupation, and cause of death of deceased; date and place of burial; name of undertaker; and names, address, and ages of parents. Indexed alph. by names of deceased persons. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Dr. Stanfield's off., Yocom-Allen Bldg., Attica, Ind.

349. RECORD, HEALTH COMMISSIONER, 1910-34. 1 vol.

Record of reports of marriages, births, contagious diseases, and deaths to state board of health, showing date, names of principals, and family status. Arr. chron. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 2. Dr. Stanfield's off., Yocom-Allen Bldg., Attica, Ind.

XXIII. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

The department of public welfare of Fountain County, created by the legislature in 1936, is administered by a board of public welfare. 1/ The department may sue or be sued in its own name. 2/

Previous to the creation of the department of public welfare, an old-age pension system was administered by the board of commissioners, under an act of 1933, 3/ and child welfare, by the board of children's guardians, under an act of 1901. 4/ These duties, together with the right of advisory inspection of public institutions formerly belonging to the board of charities and corrections, under an act of 1899, 5/ were consolidated in the new department. 6/

The board of public welfare consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare, who must be residents of the county for two years prior to appointment. The members are appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two must be women and not more than three may be adherents of any one political party. The terms of the first appointees are: One for one year, two for two years, and two for four years; and thereafter the terms are four years. The board holds a regular meeting once a month, the August meeting to be known as the annual meeting, and it may hold other meetings pursuant to call. 7/ Its duties are to appoint the director of public welfare who is the executive and administrative officer of the department and serves as secretary of the board; 8/ to receive and administer gifts and bequests of personal property and income from real estate for the benefit of children under its supervision

or of any home or institution caring for neglected or dependent children under its supervision; to invest any funds so received by it, such investments being kept in a special fund and not commingled with funds received from taxation; 9/ and to adopt an annual budget for the department for consideration by the county council. 10/

The director of public welfare must give bond not to exceed five thousand dollars, approved by the judge of the circuit court and filed in the office of the clerk. 11/ He appoints with the approval of the board, all assistants in the department from eligible lists established by the state department, and fixes their salary. 12/ As executive officer of the department, he exercises all the rights, powers, and duties conferred by law on the department under the rules, regulations, and orders of the state and county boards, 13/ and compiles the annual budget for submission to the board. 14/ The director of public welfare performs the functions of probation officer or agent of the court in welfare matters under the supervision of any court having jurisdiction. 15/

The department of public welfare is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes; old-age assistance; services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped; the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children; children in danger of becoming delinquent; and such other welfare activities as are delegated to it by the state department including services connected with assistance to the blind. The department makes reports to the state department as directed by

the latter. 16/ The department also administers provisions and benefits of the Federal "Social Security Act" of August 14, 1935. 17/

All expenditures for assistance and administration of the department are paid from the county welfare fund raised by a separate tax levy, 18/ to which are added such repayments as may be made under legal liability by recipients, their parents, children, or other persons liable for their support. 19/ The county receives reimbursement of certain proportions of its expenditures from the state, and a part of any Federal funds granted to the state, 20/ to be paid into the county welfare fund. All claims for administrative expenses are subject to allowance by the board of commissioners. Claims for assistance are not so subject but are determined by the department and approved by the director. 21/

The auditor keeps the records relating to the county welfare fund and other financial transactions. 22/ The department keeps such records and accounts relating to assistance as the state department prescribes. 23/ All records, except applications for assistance, awards, and modification and revocation of awards, are confidential. 24/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

1/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1117; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-18.

2/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1122; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-23.

3/ Acts 1933, ch. 36, sec. 2.

4/ Acts 1901, ch. 173, secs. 1-2, 5.

5/ Acts 1899, ch. 34, secs. 1, 3.

6/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1121; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-22. Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1410; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-122.

- 7/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1118; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-19.
- 8/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1119; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-20.
- 9/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1122; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-23.
- 10/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1302; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-99.
- 11/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1119; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-20.
- 12/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1123; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-24.
- 13/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1126; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-27.
- 14/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1302; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-99.
- 15/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1120; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-21.
- 16/ Ibid.
- 17/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1113; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-14.
- 18/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1301; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-98.
- 19/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1263; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-94.
- 20/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1219, 52-1249, 52-1254; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-50, 14078-80, 14078-85. Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.), 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1124a; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-24a.
- 21/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1124; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-25.
- 22/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1401; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-113.
- 23/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1260; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-91.
- 24/ Acts 1936 (Spec. Sess.); Burns, 1937 suppl., 52-1262; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 14078-93.

350. CENSUS, 1931. 2 file boxes.

Field report of census taken on children, showing date; name, age, sex, color, date of birth, physical status, and address of child; if employed or attending school; names of parents or guardian; and signature of enumerator. Arr. by towns and townships, and thereunder alph. by names of parents or guardians. 6 x 5 x 14. Wfr. off.

351. INDEX TO CASES, 1936--. 1 file box.

Card index to applications for old age, dependent children, and blind assistance, showing date, number and nature of application, and name and address of applicant. Arr. alph. by names of applicants.

5 x 4 x 12. Wfr. pvt. off.

352. REJECTIONS, AWARDS, REVOCATIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ACTIONS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of actions of board of welfare on applications for assistance to dependent children, blind, and aged persons, showing dates of application and notice; action of board; ^{if} accepted or rejected; certificate, recommendation, and sheet numbers; name and address of applicant; reason for revocation or rejection of application; and signatures of welfare members and county director. No index. Typed. 60 pp. 12 x 15 x 1. Wfr. off.

353. REGISTER OF APPLICATIONS FOR OLD AGE, BLIND, AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN ASSISTANCE, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of applications for assistance to dependent children, blind, and aged persons, showing date; serial and code numbers of application; certificate and warrant numbers; name, age, sex, and color of applicant; name of visitor; recommendation of county department; award granted; date of payment; name and address of parent or guardian; and certification of welfare director. No index. Typed. 65 pp. 9 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Wfr. off.

354. RECORD OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN, AGED PERSONS AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of active and inactive assistance cases, showing date and number of application; date effective; certificate number; name, address, age, sex, and color of applicant; name and address of parents, loco parentis, or guardian; amount granted; date of payment; reason for revocation or cancelation; and date of withdrawal. No index. Typed. 500 pp. 9 x 15 x 4. Wfr. off.

355. ALLOWANCE SCHEDULE FOR ASSISTANCE TO AGED PERSONS AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 vol.

Allowance schedule for assistance to dependent children and aged persons, showing date of allowance; appropriation, account, claim, and warrant numbers; name and address of recipient; nature and amount of warrant; name of fund debited; total allowance; recapitulation; verification of county director; and certifications of county director and auditor to board of welfare. No index. Typed. 140 pp. 12 x 18 x 1½. Wfr. off.

356. OLD AGE ASSISTANCE PAPERS, 1936--. 3 file boxes.

Papers pertaining to old age assistance including applications, records of applicants, visitor's reports, certificates of award, withdrawals, and statistical reports to the state department of public welfare, showing date; code and serial numbers of application; certificate number; name, address, age, sex, color, and date and place of birth of applicant; length of residence; ability for self assistance; name of visitor;

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recommendation of county director; amount of award; date of payment; date and certificate number of withdrawal; reason; statistical report of withdrawals to state department of public welfare; and signatures of applicant, visitor, and county director. Arr. by application and serial nos. 12 x 10 x 24. Wfr. pvt. off.

357. ASSISTANCE TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 2 file boxes.

Assistance to dependent children including applications, records of families, certificates of awards and certificates of change of awards, showing date and number of application; name, age, color, sex, and place and date of birth of child; visitor's report; recommendation of county director; certificate and amount of award; date of payment; date, amount, and certificate of change of award; name and address of parent or guardian; and signatures of parent or guardian and county director. Arr. by application nos. 12 x 10 x 24. Wfr. pvt. off.

358. ASSISTANCE TO THE BLIND, 1936--. 2 file boxes.

Assistance to the blind, including applications, records of assistance, physician's reports on eye examinations, visitor's reports, and certificates of award; showing date and number of application; name, age, sex, address, color, description, occupation, and place and date of birth of applicant; length of residence; amount of earnings; number in family; duration, cause, and degree of affliction; date examined; certificate of eye examination; visitor's report; recommendation of welfare department; date and amount of award; and signatures of applicant, visitor, physician, and acting administrator. Arr. by application nos. 12 x 10 x 24. Wfr. pvt. off.

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359. OLD AGE PENSION LEDGER SHEETS, 1934--. 1 vol.

Record of warrants issued for assistance to aged persons, showing date, number, and amount of warrant; dates of birth, application, and award; name and address of applicant; and dates of death and filing of claims. Arr. alph. by towns or twps., and thereunder by names of applicants. Hdw. 400 pp. 10 x 13 x $3\frac{1}{2}$. Wfr. off.

360. REGISTER OF CLAIMS FILED AND APPROVED AND WARRANTS ISSUED, 1936--. 1 vol.

Register of claims filed and approved and warrants issued, showing dates, numbers, and amounts of claim and warrant; date of approval; name of payee; appropriation and account debited; and certification by county director and auditor. No index. Typed. 40 pp. 12 x 15 x 1. Wfr. off.

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XXIV. SURVEYOR

The surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a two-year term, without restriction on reelection. 1/ He must give bond in an amount fixed by the board of commissioners of not less than five thousand dollars. 2/

Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the surveyor was a statutory officer, appointed in Fountain County at the organization in 1826, by the Governor, under the authority of an act of 1818, 3/ and by the board of commissioners by an act of 1831. 4/

The surveyor has charge, under the direction of the board of commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county, including the preparation of plans and specifications for, and supervision of, the construction of all bridges, turnpikes, roads, and levees. 5/ He supervises the construction and maintenance of all ditches. 6/ He also has charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, 7/ unless the board of commissioners employ a highway supervisor. The board of commissioners of Fountain County has employed an extra officer as highway supervisor, as permitted by statute. 8/

For private parties, the surveyor takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate, 9/ and, upon request, makes surveys and establishes lines and corners of lands, 10/

The surveyor is required to preserve a copy of the original field notes of the surveys of the townships in his county 11/ and

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a record of all surveys made by him. 12/

All the records are located in the surveyor's office, in the courthouse.

1/ Const., art. 6, sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3301; Baldwin 5504.

2/ Acts 1913; Burns 49-3302; Baldwin 5505.

3/ Acts 1817-18, ch. 30, sec. 1.

4/ Rev. Laws 1831, ch. 102, sec. 1.

5/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309; Baldwin 5508 .

6/ Acts 1933; Burns 27-101; Baldwin 5737.

7/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101, 36-1102; Baldwin 8699, 8700.

8/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.

9/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1857; Burns 49-3317; Baldwin 5519.

10/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311; Baldwin 5509.

11/ 1 Rev. Stat. 1852, Acts 1811; Burns 49-3309; Baldwin 5508.

12/ 1 Rev. Stat 1852, Acts 1875; Burns 49-3311; Baldwin 5509.

361. SURVEYOR'S RECORD, 1830--. 2 vols.

Record of partial and sectional surveys, showing date, description and measurement of plat; and names of surveyor and land owner.

Indexed alph. by names of land owners. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3.

362. FIELD NOTES, 1819-1925. 56 vols. 1849-1903, missing.

Record of field notes of United States survey of lands for construction projects, showing date and nature of survey, name of surveyor, measurements of lands, and specifications for construction, and reports of roads and bridges. No index. Hdw. Condition poor.

255 pp. 9 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. Sur. off.

363. PLAT BOOK, 1837-1907. 2 vols.

Record of plats and additions to townships and towns, showing plat of each township, and description of addition. Arr. by names of plats. 1 vol., typed; 1 vol., handdrawn. 245 pp. 17 x 14 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$.

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364. ROADS, BRIDGES, ARCHES, AND CULVERTS, 1927-²--.

68 blueprints.

Plans and specifications for roads, bridges, arches and culverts, showing date drawn, end location, type, and date of construction.

Blueprints. Scale varies. 20 x 16.

365. FOUNTAIN COUNTY ROADS, 1922-1933. 6 maps.

Communications maps, showing name, location, and type of roads, under construction, location of railroads, churches, cemeteries, and schools, and petitions for road improvements. Drawn by Paul D. Boggs, and Colonel W. Santman. Published at Covington, Ind. Blueprint, and black and white. Scale: 175" to 1 mi.

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XXV. HIGHWAY SUPERVISOR

The highway supervisor of Fountain County is appointed by the board of commissioners under the authority of an act of 1933 and serves at the will of the board. The board may appoint the surveyor or any other person to the office; in the event they do not make such appointment, the duties are performed by the surveyor without additional compensation. In Fountain County the board of commissioners has appointed an extra officer to serve as highway supervisor. 1/

From 1879 to 1913 the board of commissioners was constituted by the legislature a board of turnpike directors for the management and control of county highways. 2/ This board was abolished by an act of 1913 and the office of superintendent of highways was created. This officer was appointed by the board of commissioners and placed in charge of highways. 3/ This office was abolished in 1933 4/ and the duties of the superintendent of highways transferred to the surveyor, 5/ unless the board of commissioners appoint a highway supervisor. 6/

The highway supervisor has general charge of the repair and maintenance of county highways, bridges, and culverts; 7/ maps all highways, dividing the roads into districts, giving each road a separate name or number and setting forth the length and character of each road and the kind and volume of traffic, for the purpose of uniform maintenance; 8/ exercises police power in the control of highways and may fix the limit of loads for any highway, bridge, or culvert; 9/ establishes standards for maintenance according to topography, nature, and volume of traffic and the availability of

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repair materials; and makes a complete itemized estimate of the cost of repair and maintenance of highways, bridges, and culverts for the annual budget. 10/

The records of the highway supervisor are maps of the highway system made by him; 11/ reports of work in progress; 12/ monthly reports to the board of commissioners of all work done; and an annual report of his work with a complete statement of all expenditures under his supervision. 13/

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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- 1/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.
 - 2/ Acts 1879, ch. 115, sec. 1.
 - 3/ Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1.
 - 4/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1113.
 - 5/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110; Baldwin 8708.
 - 6/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1101; 36-1102, 36-1110; Baldwin 8699, 8700, 8708.
 - 7/ Ibid.
 - 8/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1109; Baldwin 8707.
 - 9/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1102; Baldwin 8700.
 - 10/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1103; Baldwin 8701.
 - 11/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1109; Baldwin 8707.
 - 12/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1106; Baldwin 8704.
 - 13/ Acts 1933; Burns 36-1104; Baldwin 8702.

366. LEDGER OF EXPENDITURES FOR FREE GRAVEL ROAD REPAIRS,

1916--. 5 vols. (3, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of expenditures for free gravel road repairs, showing date, road district number, nature and section repaired, kind of materials used, type of labor performed, names of vendors and employees, and total expenditures. Arr. by road district nos. Hdw. 500 pp.

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367. DAILY REPORTS, 1936--. 2 file boxes.

Reports of district supervisor on progress and finished work of roads, showing date of report, name of township, location and type of road, kind of material used, condition of weather during period, and signature of district supervisor. Arr. by twps., and names of supervisors, and thereunder chron. 6 x 14 x 24. Sur. pvt. off.

XXVI. AGRICULTURAL AGENT

The agricultural agent of Fountain County is appointed by the director of agricultural extension service of Purdue University, subject to the approval of a state board, entitled county agricultural agent board, under the authority of an act of 1913, as amended in 1937. His qualifications are prescribed by the board, and his salary is paid from a state fund through Purdue University. 1/

The office of the county agent, commonly called agricultural agent, was created in Fountain County in 1915. This agent was appointed annually by Purdue University, subject to approval of the state and county boards of education, upon petition by residents of the county. The state paid part of his salary. 2/

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, are to cooperate with farmers' institutes, farmers' clubs, and other rural and civic organizations; to conduct practical farm demonstrations, boys' and girls' clubs and contest work, and other movements for the advancement of agricultural and country life; to give advice to farmers on practical farm problems; and to aid the superintendent of schools and the teachers of the county in giving practical education in agriculture and domestic science. 3/

The records of the agricultural agent consist of reports of his activities, to Purdue University, under its direction.

All the records are located in the courthouse.

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1/Acts 1913, 1923, 1927, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-4911; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 6457.

2/Acts 1913, ch. 24, sec. 12.

3/Acts 1913, 1923, 1927, 1937; Burns, 1937 suppl., 28-4911; Baldwin, 1937 suppl., 6457.

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368. AGRICULTURAL AGENT'S PAPERS, 1922--. 1 file drawer.

Agricultural agents' papers including monthly and annual reports, monthly claims, program of work of Purdue agricultural alumni, rural electrification, farmers' institute, agricultural planning board, 5 acre corn project, cow testing association, fertilizer and liming, Fountain County Guernsey breeders, gold medal projects, poultry, horticulture, lawns, landscaping, seed needs, silos, soil erosion work and gully control, weed, pest and corn borer, and wheat, oats and soybeans, showing date, nature and report of activities and accomplishment, and nature and reports of extension work activities and accomplishments; itemized list of claims, showing date, number, amount, and nature of claim; and name of payee: annual program for various branches of agriculture, showing date, type of project, length of time required for completion, and name of township; list of agricultural students attending Purdue University, showing dates enrolled and graduated, and type of prize awarded alumni contest winners; correspondence and list of farmers using and interested in electricity; itemized list of expenses for farmers institute and short courses, showing source received, amount of appropriation and amount of expenditures; agricultural planning and research work, showing date, nature of

proposed improvement, and kind of product; correspondence and bulletins of 5 acre corn project, showing date, kind of soil and fertilizer used, type of corn planted, method of cultivation, and yield per acre; reports from dairy herd improvement association, showing date, amount and quality of milk, breed of herd, and names of tester and owner; bulletins and research reports on fertilizer and liming, showing value of certain kinds of fertilizer, value of crop increases, type of crop, and various types of soil; bulletins and correspondence from Guernsey breeders, showing improvement in breeding cattle, and results; bulletins and correspondence from Indiana livestock breeders association, whose goal is the improvement of pig and colt raising; bulletins and research correspondence on poultry raising, showing experimental results in various types of feed, and egg production; bulletins and correspondence on methods of farm beautification, showing the planting of flowers, shrubs, and grass; and proper procedure; bulletins and correspondence on seed growing, showing quality and kind of seed, and names and addresses of growers; list of farmers owning silos, showing size and capacity of silos; soil erosion and gully control conducted by C.C.C., showing date, name and location of farm, and amount and type of work performed; correspondence and identification keys for weeds, pests, and corn borer; showing best methods of control; correspondence and bulletins pertaining to wheat, oats and soybeans; showing proper planting and raising, and names of wheat treating stations.

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